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Boers Mourn Their General

Brave and Chivalrous Joubert Succumbs at Pretoria to Peritonitis.

British Press Pays Tribute to His Memory—Kruger Named for Command.

Lorenzo Marques, March 28.—Gen Joubert died last night at 11:20 o'clock He had been suffering from stomach complaint. Pretoria is plunged in mourning for the true patriot, gallant general and upright and honorable gentleman.

London, March 28.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday says: "Gen. Joubert died of peritonitis. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday). The government is pleading with the widow to allow a temporary interment here with a state funeral. Joubert always expressed a desire to be buried in a mausoleum built on his farm. His successor in the chief command will probably be Gen. Louis Botha, now commanding in Natal."

Brussels, March 28.—A private despatch has been received here from Pretoria which says that President Kruger will now take chief command of the Transvaal forces.

London, March 29.—All the morning papers print singularly kind editorials concerning Gen. Joubert. They praise his military skill, uphold his chivalrous conduct, and regret that so strong and moderate a mind should be absent from the final settlement of the dispute. Although some of the younger commanders thought the old soldier was wanting in dash and enterprise, his raid into the country south of the Tugela river is considered the piece of Boer leadership during the whole war. It is now known that he crossed the Tugela with only 3,000 riflemen and six guns, but so bold and rapid were his movements that the British commanders thought 10,000 Boers were marching on Pietermaritzburg. For a few days, although in the presence of greatly superior forces, he isolated Gen. Hildyard's force and at the same time threatened Gen. Barton's camp at Mooi River. Then as British reinforcements pushed up, Joubert recrossed the Tugela without losing a prisoner, a wagon or guns.

Gen. White's estimate of him pronounced on the day before he died, as a gentleman and a brave and honorable opponent, strikes the tone of all British comment.

VILLE MARIE FRAUDS.

Accused Secure Transfer of Cases to Quebec on Account of Hostile Feeling in Montreal.

Montreal, March 28.—With one exception the remainder of the banque Ville Marie cases will be tried in Quebec. In view of the state of public opinion here Judge Wurtele this morning granted a change of venue in the cases of Walter and Ernest Fellowes charged with receiving stolen money, and of Godfrey Weir, and J. F. Smith directors of the bank, charged with making and signing promissory notes without authority. Lichtenheim, vice-president of the bank, also charged with the latter offence, preferred to be tried here.

ALASKAN CIVIL CODE.

Mining Rights at Nome Continue to Absorbe Interest of Senate.

Washington, March 28.—In the senate to-day the amendment by Mr. Carter to the Alaskan civil code bill relating to the mining for gold under the waters of Cape Nome was agreed to but further than this no progress was made with the measure.

Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, made a sharp attack upon the secretary for war for issuing permits to miners to dredge the Cape Nome sands supposed to be rich in gold. He denounced the Secretary's action as an outrage and "plain usurpation of authority." The Wolcott substitute was defeated by 21 to 28.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Imperial Liberality and Ottawa Parsimony—Col. Steele's Good Luck—Gerrymander Rejected.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 28.—The Senate today threw out the gerrymander bill by 41 to 19.

Dr. Borden announced that Col. Steele, although junior to Col. Otter in Canada, will be senior in South Africa, on account of holding an Imperial commission.

Col. Prior was informed that the government do not know how many men volunteered for service in Africa.

The transportation problem was again discussed by the Commons.

The official report by Col. Otter on the Paardeberg fight bears out the press statements of the great bravery of the Canadian troops.

The correspondence respecting the offer of British Columbia of one hundred men for Africa was presented to the house to-day. It is brought out by this correspondence that, though not heretofore publicly known, on the 16th February Mr. Chamberlain telegraphed Lord Minto that Her Majesty's government would defray the expense of transport of any further contingent if enough to ship.

Liberals Riot Over Martin

Call for Convention Evidently Only Scheme to Help Him Along.

Members Who Cannot Endorse Premier Make Emphatic Protest.

Vancouver, March 28.—The first division at the Liberal meeting held to-night to choose delegates to the Liberal convention to be held on April 5 showed there were 112 present. Col. Falkland Warren handed in a written protest against the action of the Liberal executive of Vancouver in calling a convention, and said no true Liberal could be bound to abide by the decision of such a convention.

The meeting was very disorderly, owing to lack of organization and the wide differences of opinion held by those present on questions brought up for discussion. A solution of the question as to how delegates should be elected was only reached after two hours' discussion, during which the greatest disorder prevailed. The anti-Martin element were present in force and made themselves heard.

In the first vote for delegates E. P. Davis got 38, W. McCraney 38 and J. H. Senkler 36. As these three lead the anti-Martin Liberals it showed that the meeting was 38 against Martin and 74 for him. The Martin Liberals voted solidly and elected 40 delegates for Vancouver that will vote for Martin and party lines.

When the ballots were being counted the wildest scenes of confusion took place. The chairman, C. Woodward, refused to allow Walter Nichol to be nominated for Ward Five, although it was proved a mistake had been made in naming him for Ward One, and 30 or 40 rose to their feet and demanded justice for Nichol. The meeting finally overruled the chairman's decision.

At 11 o'clock the meeting degenerated into a rabble, everyone talking at once, and the wildest confusion reigning, while all made merry over the funny rulings of the chairman, who answered amidst laughter that the Vancouver executive was engineering the convention and delegates must do as they said or stay at home.

It is significant that the motion originating the call for the convention was moved by Ald. McQueen, now mentioned as a likely colleague of Mr. Martin, and seconded by J. C. McLagan, of the World, the only newspaper supporting the Premier. Their resolution read as follows:

"That whereas the provincial executive, on being appealed to by the Rossland association to call a convention of the party, has at a meeting at which only seven were present, refused to call such convention;

"And whereas the last official declaration of the party in provincial matters was made at the convention held in New Westminster in 1897, at which the party agreed to support the then opposition, and also formulated a platform;

"And whereas several new issues of great importance have arisen since said platform was put forward, as to which the Liberal party have made no pronouncement;

"And whereas it is advisable that the party should at the present crisis take united action;

"Therefore the Liberal Association of Vancouver City hereby calls a convention of the Liberals of the province for the purpose of organizing and deciding what position the party is to take in the present general election;

"And that the said convention meet in the city of Vancouver on Thursday, the 5th day of April, 1900, at 3 p. m.

"And that each provincial constituency be entitled to send ten delegates for each member which it has the right to elect."

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Winnipeg, March 28.—The Manitoba legislature opens to-morrow afternoon. An unusually large number of invitations have been issued. Mr. Hespeler, member for Rosenfeldt, will be elected Speaker.

PETER WHITE ENDORSED.

Pembroke, Ont., March 28.—At a convention of Conservatives of North Renfrew, Hon. Peter White, ex-speaker, was nominated for the Commons.

If you are nervous or dyspeptic try Carter's Little Nerve Pills. Dyspepsia makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you dyspeptic; either one renders you miserable, and these little pills cure both.

Roberts' Move Near at Hand

Such Now the Impression But Boer Force Two Weeks' March Distant.

Free State Towns Garrisoned and Civil Government Is Being Planned.

London, March 29.—5:15 a. m.)—Lord Roberts has sent 10,000 troops to Glen, ten miles north of Bloemfontein, on the railway. This is a preliminary to the general advance.

Immense quantities of stores have now been accumulated at Bloemfontein, and Lord Roberts' infantry is seemingly about to move. An impression, which can be traced to the war office, is abroad that the advance will begin next Monday.

Boer observation parties are hovering near Bloemfontein, but Lord Roberts has 130 miles to cover before reaching the great position which the Boers are preparing at Kroonstadt. Moving 10 miles a day is probably the best he can do with his field transports. Therefore he can hardly engage the Boers in force for two weeks.

The reconstruction of the railway behind him may even delay an invasion of the Transvaal until May.

Meanwhile all the important towns in the Free State within Lord Roberts' reach are being garrisoned. Thaba Nichu, Philippolis, Fauresmith and Jagersfontein are thus held.

Sir Alfred Milner is touring in the disturbed newly acquired territory, investigating conditions and arranging the administration. He is understood to be getting materials for a report to Mr. Chamberlain concerning a plan of civil government.

The foreign office, according to the Daily Chronicle, is arranging with Portugal for some thousands of British troops to be landed at Beira and sent by the Rhodesia railway from Massei Kesso to Umla.

MAFEKING'S ORDEAL.

News Brought Up to Few Days Ago Showing Heavy Bombardment in Progress.

London, March 29.—A Pretoria despatch to the Daily Mail, dated the 28th, says: "An official despatch reports a heavy bombardment of Mafeking in progress on Monday, March 26, which was met with a spirited response."

INDIA'S STARVING MILLIONS.

Colossal Expense of the Prolonged Relief—A Great Scheme of Irrigation.

Calcutta, March 28.—The viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedlestone, addressing the council on the budget to-day, said that nearly 5,000,000 persons were in receipt of regular relief and that the cost for the ensuing year was estimated at 225 lacs of rupees. The loss on revenue for one year had been 121 lacs of rupees. The government, he said, hoped during the forthcoming year to spend 100 lacs of rupees in irrigating, but he could see no chance of cutting down the military estimates.

"There are two duties of Indian statesmanship," said the Viceroy. "One is to make these millions happy and the other is to keep them safe. For the sake of the one we must not neglect the other."

LIBERAL LEADER'S VIEWS.

Would Have Present Generation Pay for War—Union of the Colonies With the Empire.

London, March 28.—Sir Edward Grey, Liberal member of Parliament for the Berwick-on-Tweed division of Northumberland was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of five thousand Liberals held at Nottingham this evening.

A letter was received from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, in which the writer expressed his regrets at not being able to attend the meeting owing to illness. He expressed a hope that the government would place the cost of the war on the present generation. He believed the war was in the interests of the Empire, but no one should be allowed to think that war was cheap. "I do not share with some," he exclaimed, "their dislike of the word Imperialism. It does not mean the same thing to all, but everybody rejoices in the extraordinary union of the colonies with ourselves; and after the war, imperial paramountcy will have to be turned into Imperial control. I look forward to a South African Federation under the British flag."

GOLD COMMANDEERED.

Pretoria, Monday, March 26.—The government has commandeered a portion of the gold reserve of all banks. Gold has been given as security to the amount of nearly £300,000.

GEN. MOUNTAIN'S DEATH.

Danville, Que., March 28—Major-Gen. Thomas L. Mountain is dead here, aged 73. He served through the Indian mutiny and had as one of his staff Gen. Sir George White, the defender of Ladysmith. He retired from active service many years ago and settled here.

THE KENTUCKY ASSASSINS.

Frankfort, Ky., March 28.—There were no developments in the assassination case to-day, although the air is filled with rumors of more arrests and other phases. It was reported that a prominent man who was supposed to be at Winchester would be arrested, but despatches from Winchester say that the suspected man is not there and that no arrests have been made at that point.

Pretoria and Johannesburg

Boers Spread Report That Mines Will Be Sacrificed on Siege.

Supply of Ammunition Running Short--The Young Men Deserting.

London, March 29.—According to trustworthy information from Pretoria the total stock of Mauser ammunition, five million rounds, was issued to the Free State burghers. The Boers are now issuing Lee-Metford cartridges, of which they originally possessed four million. The Creusote ammunition is almost exhausted. The smokeless powder which was manufactured is proving deficient in quality, and the experiment of re-charging the Mauser cartridges has proved a failure owing to the inability of the Boers to make caps.

Pretoria is being entrenched. A laager for women and children is being constructed some miles out of town.

News from responsible parties confirms the report that the Boers intend to blow up the works and shafts of the principal mines on the Rand and on Crown Reef, together with the Robinson and Langlaf estates mines. Huge charges of exceptionally powerful blasting gelatine have already been placed in position with this object. This is said to be done at the instigation of Reitz with the concurrence of Kruger, but against the wishes of many influential burghers. There are grounds for suspecting that the real motive of the threat is to induce foreign investors to bring pressure on the governments to intervene.

A Pretoria cable reports that prominent residents there object to a defence of the town, and desire that President Kruger should retire to Lydenburg. It is alleged that the principal buildings at Johannesburg have been undermined by order of Kruger.

Hundreds of the younger Boers, including officers, are being arrested for desertion. A large number of men over 60 years of age are being commandered, although not legally liable for service.

BRITISH LACK HORSES

Which Explains Escape of Boer Command From Colesberg—Estimate of Enemy's Strength.

London, March 28.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in a despatch dated Tuesday, March 27, says: "It is a matter for regret that owing to the state of the roads and of our horses Commandant Grovellar's commando of 6,000 men from Colesberg and the southern districts got away north, travelling day and night close to the Basuto border, before our force could hope to get near them.

"The latest is that the Boers have 40,000 men still under arms, of whom 10,000 are in and around the Natal border. Although tents and stores are reaching here, a block on the railway is delaying arrivals from the south considerably. It is asserted that 20,000 Boers are massed at Kroonstadt."

BOERS MAKE ATTACK.

Heavy Bombardment of Warrenton Without Effect Except Damage to Property.

Warrenton, March 28.—The Boers opened fire with artillery and rifles on the British camp to-day. The first shell burst while the Fusiliers were at breakfast.

A hail of bullets poured into the village. Many cattle were killed. A hotel that is used as a hospital, and over which a Red Cross flag was flying, was fired upon.

The attacking Boer force was large, but notwithstanding the enemy's heavy expenditure of big gun and rifle ammunition, only one Briton was wounded.

FAME OF THE CANADIANS.

Mexico Paper Gives Them the Credit of Working Wonders in South Africa.

Mexico City, Mex., March 28.—The Diaro Del Hocaro, the oldest radical paper here, praises the valor of the Canadians in the South African war, saying: "There was nothing but disaster and tears on the British side until the youthful people of Canada appeared on the scene, and changed the aspect of affairs."

TO PATROL BEHRING SEA.

Failure of Joint High Commission to Agree Causes Continued Presence of the Cutter Fleet.

New York, March 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Arrangements are being perfected by the treasury department for the establishment and maintenance of the Behring Sea patrol. This patrol will be made by five cutters, including the Bear, the Manning, the Perry, the McCulloch and the Rush. The Bear will leave early in April for Behring Sea, and the other cutters will follow promptly after her. The Manning will not be able to join the fleet until May, as she has just arrived at Callao, Peru, on her way to San Francisco.

It is not intended to assign a senior officer to command the patrol fleet. Each commanding officer will receive instructions to co-operate with his brother officers in preventing pelagic sealing, and they will be required to make such arrangements that one vessel only will be in port at Unalaska at a time, and only for a couple of days. The same rules which have been followed for several seasons past will be observed.

The patrol is necessary because of the failure of the joint high commission to settle the questions at issue with Canada. The commission had agreed upon a mode of settling the Behring Sea seal question, under which the United States would have purchased the sealing vessels and outfits of Canadian sealers, and have obtained control of the North Pacific, but the inability of the commission or the two governments to determine the Alaskan boundary controversy caused the failure of negotiations with respect to the Canadian question.

As a bracer Jesse Moore never fails.

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

Mr. Partridge and Atlin Copper—A Building Contract—Trouble in the Band.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 28.—"Sailor Bill" Partridge, the discoverer of the big copper claims in Atlin, arrived from England to-day en route for Atlin to hand over his Lakeview claims, a mile and a half from the claims he sold to Lord Hamilton, to the Rothschild syndicate, of London, for a large sum.

Influenza is epidemic in Vancouver, a large number of citizens being confined to their beds with the ailment.

Contractor Young of Victoria is to erect a $5,000 home for C. A. Godson on Pendrill street.

Messrs. St. George and Perreault, contractors for the new post office in New Westminster, arrived yesterday. The erection of the building will be proceeded with at once.

There are some personal differences between leader Freimuth and the members of the Vancouver military band. The band committee met this afternoon in an attempt to adjust the difficulty.

NOT UNDER THE BAN.

New York, March 28.—As the Lewis bill, which was passed to-day, does not take effect until September, the light arranged between Corbett and Jeffries to take place on May 11, the McCoy-Sharkey and the Ruplin-Sharkey bouts will come off as per schedule.

Mrs. Hitchcock Home Again

Atlin's Author and Mine Owner Returns to Her Favorite Quarters.

That Automobile Experiment--London Opinion as to Canadian Camp.

Mrs. Roswell P. Hitchcock—author, investor, mining operator, explorer, and latterly missionary from the new gold lands of the mid-north to the world's centre of capital—returned to her old quarters at the Hotel Driard last evening, where she will remain until the latest product of her literary labors, dealing with her life in the Atlin camp, is ready for the London publishers. Its predecessor, "Two Women in the Klondike" proved so refreshingly original both in theme and treatment that it has been received with enthusiastic commendation everywhere, and its successor is naturally looked for with most pleasurable anticipation. The completion will probably engage Mrs. Hitchcock's close attention during the greater part of the ensuing month.

Atlin is at the present time far from being terra incognita to the people of London. The papers and the public are eager for news of its conditions and its richness, and Mrs. Hitchcock was able during her stay in the Metropolis to say many a kind word for the camp in whose future she has such unbounded confidence. The Ladies' Field was one of the prominent journals giving special attention to the new Canadian camp, and its interview sketch is deserving of special compliment as one of the most comprehensive and best illustrated short articles yet given to the public with Atlin as the text.

Report had it a few weeks ago that Mrs. Hitchcock would add to her unique travelling experience by making her next entry into Atlin as one of the party on the DeLamarr automobile. There was indeed some foundation for the gossip in this connection, for she had been minded to join M. De Lamarr on his interesting trip. Her plans have been somewhat altered, however, and she will remain with Victorians while the trio of adventure-loving, science-serving Frenchmen make their dash from Bennett to the new city of northern British Columbia in a day if all goes well. The distance is in the neighborhood of 100 miles and air holes and other dangers menace the way, so that the introduction of the auto in the north is likely to contain all the thrill and excitement that even an adventure-loving Frenchman would desire. New York mixed matters considerably nevertheless when it sent the news broadcast that the jaunt was to commence on the Atlantic seaboard, and include a spin across the continent as a preliminary chapter to the real work of the trip.

Speaking of London's interest in the Atlin field, Mrs. Hitchcock says that it has been intelligently evidenced in many ways, but capitalists from the world's monetary centre will not invest in Atlin properties until British Columbia's mining laws are so amended as to assure improved security of titles. On this subject Mrs. Hitchcock had a long chat last evening with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and during the course of the next few days will interview Premier Martin—the topic being one of equal and joint concern to labor and to capital, and as such, demanding immediate and careful attention by those who make the laws.

It is possible that during her present stay in Victoria Mrs. Hitchcock will be induced to lecture here on Atlin, its wonders and its wealth—the lecture to be illustrated with many of the superb pictures from her photographic store. Needless to predict, such a lecture would command a large and most appreciative audience.

CANADIANS IN HOSPITAL.

Winnipeg, March 28.—A London cable says: "In Netley hospital at Southampton the following Canadians, who were wounded or sick while in South Africa, are now quartered, having arrived recently from Capetown: Private F. E. Weir, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto; Pte. H. S. Bingham, 35th Simcoe Foresters, Barrie; Pte. M. Burgess, 93rd Cumberland Battalion, N. S.; Pte. F. Macdonald, Ottawa and Kingston company; Pte. F. A. E. Taylor, 63rd Halifax Rifles; Corp. W. R. Ferguson, 93rd Cumberland Battalion."

Mock Parliament.—At last evening's entertainment of the Centennial Mock Parliament the speech from the throne was considered and in spite of the heavy onslyaught of the opposition the government was sustained. The meetings of the parliament are increasing in popularity.

There is no headache in Jesse Moore whiskey. That's because it is pure.

Liberals Still Are Undecided

Leave Questions at Issue to Be Settled by Provincial Convention.

Mr. S. P. Mills Comes Out as a Supporter of Premier Martin.

Mr. S. Perry Mills last evening bloomed out as a full-fledged Liberal, and a supporter of Premier Martin but declared himself opposed to party lines in provincial politics. This was the one item of interest that could be obtained from the joint meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association and Young Men's Liberal Club, held in Philharmonic hall last evening. The reporters were excluded but the chairman, John Bell, and the secretary, R. L. Drury, were authorized to give a report of the proceedings to the press. This report, it is needless to say, did not go into details. It was simply to the effect that the meeting had elected delegates to the Provincial convention to be held at Vancouver on April 5. Victoria is entitled to 40 delegates, but 60 were selected and they will select those who are to attend on the evening before their departure. The delegates were not instructed and are about evenly divided between Martinites and anti-Martinites, party lines men and non-party lines men.

It is contended by some of those present that in accepting the invitation the Victoria Liberals pledge themselves to stand by the decision of the Provincial convention. Others hold that this is out of the question as there were less than 150 present at last evening's meetin and they cannot dictate to all the Victoria Liberals.

It is conceded that the majority of those present were supporters of Premier Martin, but there was a full muster of his friends there and the roll call would show less than a hundred. In one vote on a minor question the meeting was evenly divided, there being about fifty on one side and fifty on the other. There were no votes taken as to whether the Liberals should support Mr. Martin or whether the elections should be run on party lines. These questions were left to the provincial convention to decide.

The delegates elected were: Messrs. Thos. Trahey, John Bell, Dr. Milne, W. M. Wilson, John Jardine, H. Catterall, John Taylor, A. Hay, W. J. Hanna, Alexis Martin, L. P. Duff, A. Sheritt, J. McMillan, J. Tagg, F. Higgins, J. Kingham, W. T. Hardaker, Jas. Grant, Thos. Bryden, W. P. Winsby, R. Dinsdale, G. Hunter, J. Smythe, Dr. L. Hall, C. Sievertz, Col. Gregory, L. H. Hardie, W. J. Ledingham, Sam Sea, Jr., J. Kinsman, J. Murray, Geo. Powell, J. H. Lawson, Jr., D. Purcell, R. G. Howell, I. Sommers, J. Bellinger, Wm. Clark, Jas. Bell, E. Bragg, H. M. Cleland, A. Bruce, J. B. Lovell, L. C. Smith, D. Campbell, Hon. F. Peters, Geo. Noot, D. Spragge, A. Johnson, R. Hall, M.P.P., W. Gregson, S. Perry Mills, R. L. Drury, J. G. Brown, Dr. John Gibbs, Fred. Ray, Thos. Tubman, Dr. E. Hall, Geo. Herd, D. F. McCrimmon.

It is understood to be the intention of Mr. Mills to run for Esquimalt. It was there that he took a "preliminary canter" in the last provincial contest, but withdrew before nomination day. Esquimalt will be well off for candidates in this case as two, Messrs. Higgins and Fraser have already announced themselves. Mr. Hayward is known to be ambitious and there will of course be the regular party candidates.

Ald. McQueen of Vancouver, it is said, is waiting the decision of the Provincial Liberal convention before accepting an offer to enter the cabinet.

NORTH END OF ISLAND.

Resident Tells of the Resources of This Fine District.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir: Quatsino and the north end of the Island are waking up to their resources and great possibilities since the meeting in Victoria gave the residents of that part of the province there some assurance that a trunk line of railway to that end of the Island was at last to be seriously considered. There are a number of industries that the advent of a railway will bring into prominence. The raw material for the manufacture of three important products is to be found on the shores of Quatsino Sound and the north end of the Island. The products are pulp, calcium carbide and lumber. The spruce and alder woods together with numberless water powers are to be found for the manufacture of the pulp, the base of all our paper.

There is a very fine quality of coking coal now being turned out by the ovens on Vancouver Island. This coke and limestone (which is found in abundance) when fused by the aid of electricity produce calcium carbide, the base of the new acetylene gas, the water power coming in available to manufacture the electricity. Noting the intention of the Chemainus Mill Co. to build another large saw mill on the north end of the Island, it is to be supposed the management will examine the shores of Quatsino Sound before locating their mill. The large tract of fir on the eastern arms and spruce and yellow cedar to the west, will no doubt not be overlooked. One prominent feature of this part of the province is its wonderful natural position for shipping facilities. The entrance to Quatsino Sound is wide and easy for sailing vessels. Upon entering the sound offers numerous fine harbors along its shores, and when we take into consideration that this entrance to the Sound opens into the Pacific farther west than any point in southwestern British Columbia, we have a great natural fact that will be quickly taken into consideration by every investor in the manufacture of productions whose market is found in all parts of the world. The nearest to the open ocean and most westerly point; in the days of quick transportation short routes, pilotage fees, insurance, etc., give this most westerly port of British Columbia an advantage incalculable, especially in the manufacture of products where the raw material is obtained, we may say right at the port of shipment.

The railway is not a necessity for the establishment of the above industry, but it will be the means of quick communication, which will bring the advantages of the district before the world and ultimately be the means of establishing many such manufactures and building up the Island.

Your correspondent has not touched upon the mining of the district yet in this article, but he often wonders what those old fogies are doing in Victoria that own so much land here; waiting for something to turn up, like Micawber, or for someone else to turn something up for them, no doubt. See the large tracts of land marked sold on the map lying adjacent to Forward Inlet, Winter Harbor, Korpreno Harbor, and other places at this end. What is the inference? Why, we want a railway of course. When someone else has built the railway and developed the country they will step in and lay off their land into lots for a townsite. This is the extent of the speculative genius of the average Victoria capitalist. One gentleman was heard to say he had not paid his taxes for three years and would sell cheap—more shame to him. Let these worthy gentlemen read Professor Dawson's report of this district when he was sent out here to look over the coal-bearing areas. They will see that he reported the cretaceous area adjacent to Korpreno and Winter Harbors quite as worthy to prespect for coal, or more so, than those areas now being developed by the West Vancouver Coal Co. farther to the east, which, by the way, is being done by American capital—another case of waiting for some body else to turn something up.

These areas contain many small croppings that have been found since Professor Dawson was here, but none of them is large enough to begin shipping from.

The copper proposition on the southeast arm is advancing as fast as poor men can develop it. What it requires is capital to prove it up. All the mining experts that have seen the large showing are satisfied there is a great body of ore to be found by going down, and that the Quatsino proposition will be one of those that will turn out to be a large mine.

QUATSINO.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. P. Bacon, of Portland, Ore., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. George J. Johnston, 40 Pandora avenue.

Mrs. Roswell D. Hitchcock, the authoress, returned from the East last evening and is at the Driard.

John F. Helliwell, of Vancouver, is at the Driard.

M. Leiser, of the firm of Lenz & Leiser, returned from the Mainland last evening.

Rev. Mr. Tait came over from the Mainland yesterday.

J. S. H. Matson returned last evening from a business trip to Toronto.

H. J. Scott, local manager of the Hamilton Powder Co., was a passenger from Vancouver last night.

P. D. Scott, representing Garneau & Co., wholesale dry goods dealers of Quebec, is at the Victoria. This is his first trip West.

P. H. Husher and P. F. Brennan, mining men from Sidney Inlet, are at the Dominion.

Rev. J. J. Myland, of the Danish colony at Cape Scott, is a guest at the Dominion.

W. H. Langley arrived in Ottawa yesterday on his way home from Europe.

Mayor Bate of Nanaimo is a guest at the Driard.

Capt. D. Gilmore, Puget Sound pilot, and F. M. Studley, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, came over on the company's outward bound steamer yesterday and registered at the Victoria.

Allen D. Dods, T. B. Hill and J. T. Watson, of Vancouver, are among the guests at the Victoria.

W. T. Dawley, the Clayoquot mining man, is at the Victoria.

J. S. Flaherty, advance agent of Harry Glazier in "The Three Musketeers," is at the Hotel Imperial.

W. J. Trethewey, the Vancouver mining man, who has just returned from a visit to the West Coast, is at the Imperial.

Barristers C. B. Macneill and J. H. Senkler, who have been at the Imperial for several days past, returned to Vancouver this morning.

DIED.

MILLER—At the residence of Mr. F. Harper, Pine street, Victoria West, on the 27th instant, Isabella, the beloved wife of Mr. William Miller, a native of York county, New Brunswick; aged 68 years.

The funeral will take place TO-DAY (Thursday, March 29), at 2:30 p.m., from the residence as above.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge A.O.U.W., hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday J. G. Taylor, secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

KINDERGARTEN and Primary School—Stanley avenue. Miss Green. mr28

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The tenderer must state the price net at Victoria which he will pay.

In addition to the net price the purchaser will have to pay the Corporation the interest at four per cent. from 1st April, 1900, to whatever date the money is received by the City Treasurer.

The above debentures are issued under authority of "The Point Ellice Bridge Accident Loan By-law," with principal and interest secured by a rate on all ratable land and improvements in the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.

City Hall, Victoria, B.C.,
28th March, 1900.

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WANTED—A good nurse girl. Apply 41 King's road. mr29

WANTED—Good chocolate dipper. Wages five dollars a week. Apply 99 Government street. mr29

WANTED—Good general servant. 144 Menzies street. mr28

WANTED—Old Line Canadian Life Assurance Co. Wants agent for Victoria and special agent for Vancouver Island. "Life Insurance," Colonist office, Victoria. mr28

WANTED—Smart youth who can make himself useful around cutting room. Apply Lenz & Leiser, at factory, 28½ Yates street. mr27

WANTED—GOOD chocolate dipper. Wages $5 a week. Apply 45 Johnson street. mr27

WANTED—To exchange, bicycle in good condition, for a Peterboro canoe. Apply "Canoe," P.O. Box 689, City. mr27

WANTED—Wolf or coon skin robe, also glass show case. Address "Juneau," Colonist office. mr27

WANTED—A nurse girl to take charge of three children. Apply to Box 510. m25

WANTED—A housemaid immediately. Apply between the hours of 1 and 2, and 7 and 9, at 12 Scoresby street. m25

WANTED—Young lady would like sewing; particularly children's clothing. "A," this office. m25

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WANTED—Ten dressmakers; skirt and waist hands. Apply Chas. E. Stevenson & Co., Nanaimo B.C. mr24

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WANTED—A few carpenters. Apply personally or by letter to F. T. Sherborne, Shawnigan Lake Hotel. mr17

WANTED—8 or 9 roomed house; all modern conveniences; central position; garden preferred; moderate rent. Reply immediately, stating terms, etc., "House," Colonist office. mr15

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BEACH WOOD AND CEDAR POSTS for sale. Delivered, $2.50 cord. Apply W. Eden, Foul Bay. mr29

PIANO—A nearly new Upright Grand piano for sale at a bargain; owner is leaving town; can be seen at 29 Ellis street. mr29

IMPORTED Brown Leghorns, Black Minorcas: one (1) dollar per setting. R. H. Jameson, Fort street, Grocer. mr28

FOR SALE—Horses, hack and harness. 37 Kane street. mr27

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FOR SALE—Fresh calved cow. Apply William Dockings, Craigflower road, near the Gorge. mr27

FOR SALE—That desirable property known as "Maplecroft," facing Dallas road, between Menzies and South Turner streets, lots 120x240, two stories and basement, large bathroom, nine furnished rooms, with modern improvements. Furnished with best English furniture, electric lighted, heated by hot water; original cost $30,000; my price $15,000. Suitable terms can be arranged; premises open to inspection. J. Fred Hume.

AN IDEAL SPOT FOR CHICKEN RANCH—1¼ acres, cleared and fenced, 3-roomed cottage, good barn, chicken house, sundry buildings and well. Cash $550; cost $1,200. "G.C.," this office. mr16

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LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—A gold locket between the post office and Quebec street. Finder kindly return same to Colonist office. mr29

FOUND—Near Russell's Station, E. & N. Ry., a silver chain with a small key attached. Claimant apply to Mr. Stoddart, jeweller, Yates street, near Broad. mr28

LOST OR STOLEN—A flat-bottom boat, painted blue; taken from James Bay boathouse. Finder rewarded by notifying James Baker & Co., next to boathouse. mr27

STRAYED—From the residence of Geo. A. Keefer, Pemberton road, a small black cocker spaniel, answering to the name of Roway. Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning to the above address. mr20

PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

List of Properties by B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY.

KINGSTON ST. Two-storey dwelling and lot 60x120, James Bay, for $1900. $300 cash, balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

CHATHAM ST. Cottage and double front lot, $1000. $100 cash and balance on time. This is cheaper than paying rent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

PARRY ST. James Bay. Four two-story dwellings, always let, producing $25 per month. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DALLAS ROAD AND MONTREAL ST. Bungalow and small two-storey house in rear, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FORT ST. Two-story dwelling, lot 60x120, well situated, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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M'CLURE STREET. 5-roomed cottage and lot 72x120 for $1600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COLLINSON ST. Running through to Beechy st., ½ lot. 5-roomed cottage $900. $200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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GOVERNMENT AND JOHN STREETS—Two lots; fine 2-storey dwelling; large new barn; cheap at $2,750; easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. n28

STRAWBERRY VALE. 42½ acres all fenced, 4 miles from city; principal portion under cultivation. Dwelling, barns, etc. $5000. $500 down, balance on time, interest 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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THE ARM. 1½ acres cleared, water front, fine site for bungalow; electric light, and water pipes running past premises. Whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. $3000. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SOMENOS DIST. 160 acres. Two miles from Station, $800. Terms, if necessary. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SAHTLAM DIST. 160 acres, near Duncans, 30 acres cleared. Trunk road and never-failing stream runs through property. $1000. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

NORTH SAANICH. 850 acres. 70 acres under cultivation. Good soil, near sea. Strong evidence of coal on this land; $8000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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QUAMICHAN DIST. 220 acres. Three miles from Duncans Station. Good soil. Stream of water on this property. Suitable for milk ranch or fruit farm. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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A WHOLE ISLAND. Off Sidney. 60 acres, two-story building, etc.; coal croppings. $1200. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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GORGE ROAD. Four acres and two-story dwelling with all modern conveniences. Fine view. Very suitable home. $12500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

JOHNSON STREET. Below Government, three-storey brick with basement, lot 60x120, easy terms. Price $40,000. All let. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. MENZIES AND NIAGARA STS. One acre, $3500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

$250. Cash and Eight annual payments of $250 each (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy a dwelling and two lots on Bayn Street. Apply 40 Government St.

LADNERS LANDING—66 acres under drained and cultivated; two-storey dwelling, barns, orchard, etc.; price $9,000. Finest soil in the province, easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. d8

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CHATHAM ST. Near Cook Street. Lot 60x120. Cottage, 6 rooms, $4,000. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

OUTER WHARF. Three lots, with water frontage. Good location for factory or ship yard, $4,200. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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OAK BAY AVENUE. Just below Rockland Avenue. Four lots, $1,200, your own terms. Apply 40 Government St.

2½ ACRES. Near Jubilee Hospital, all cleared ready for plough, $1,500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

$250 CASH and Five annual installments of $500 (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy two-storey house, with all modern conveniences, and lot 60x100 near Christ church. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. FORT AND VANCOUVER STS. Cottage and Two lots. $6,000, terms. Apply 40 Government St.

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OAK BAY. Cottage and eight lots; high ground, facing the sea. Price $2,100; easy terms; monthly payments. Apply 40 Government St. n28

ROCKLAND AVENUE. Fine two-storey residence, one acre land, grand view, $6,500. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja 18

BELCHER AVENUE. Handsome modern house, sewer, electric light, hot water heater, near Cook street. Price $5,500. Terms. We can recommend this to anyone wishing a comfortable house not too far from their place of business. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

COOK STREET. Corner of Chamber street; fine two-storey dwelling, one acre of ground, conservatory. $6,000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

OAK BAY AVENUE. Four lots near Rockland avenue for $1,250, or will be sold separately at $350 each. Terms. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

100 MONTHLY PAYMENTS of $12.50 each will buy a nice five-roomed cottage, cor. of San Juan avenue and Niagara street. Apply 40 Government St. ja18

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TO LET—A well furnished front bedroom, with modern conveniences. 55 Michigan street, James Bay. mr27

TO LET—Five-room cottage, with bath and hot water. 53 First street. mr27

TO LET—Room and board in private family. Mrs. H. S. Mason, 156 Menzies, between hours of 1 and 4 p.m. mr22

TO LET—Well furnished eight roomed house. Apply 53 Michigan street. mr20

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms and bath, at Elsmere House, 104 Pandora avenue. Apply 97 Quadra street. mr18

TO LET—Large and well furnished front room, bath adjoining; breakfast optional; near Dallas Road. 144 Menzies St. mr17

TO LET—Modern house, 21 Rae street; seven rooms; every convenience. Shop, corner of Blanchard and Fort streets, with baker's oven. Livery Stable, Blanchard street, near Fort. mr14

TO RENT—Stevens' Hotel, furnished, with first-class orchard, driving shed, stable and paddock. Apply to Jno. Stevens, on the premises. mr11

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TO LET—Room and board in private family. Mrs. Greig, 117 Menzies street. m4

NOTICE is hereby given that I, the undersigned, Charles Richard Lawson, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the city of Victoria at the next sittings thereof, for a transfer of the retail liquor license from the premises in respect of which the same is now held by me, the North Pacific Saloon, Victoria, to the premises at the corner of View and Douglas streets, known as the Vernon Block, and from me to Forbes George Vernon.

Dated at Victoria, this 15th day of March, 1900.

CHARLES RICHARD LAWSON.

# Indicates A Shipwreck

New Bowsprit Comes Ashore Near Kyuquot—Hansen's Body Recovered.

Indian Hunters of Seal Doing Well—Freight Shipments Are Heavy.

Indian Agent Feker, of Kyuquot, on the upper West Coast of this Island, has recently come into possession of what appears to be meagre evidence of a recent wreck, the trophy, which was picked up on the inside of the rocky archipelago fronting Kyuquot a few days ago, being in the form of a white spit bowsprit, seemingly new and detached from some sailing craft of considerable proportions. Shipping men are of course utterly unable to guess the identity of the vessel to which the bowsprit has belonged, but they are of the opinion that she must have come to grief in order that this piece of her equipment should have been wrenched away. Mr. Feker has given instructions to the Indians to make careful inquiries along the coast and learn if possible whether any other wreckage has been washed up, and if so whether or not it contained a clue to the identity of the hapless vessel. The news comes from Kyuquot also—by the return of the Willapa—that the body of the "Flying Dutchman," Capt. Hansen, had been found by the Indians washed ashore, and given burial on one of the islands near which it had lain, by Messrs. Feker and Ellis. Hansen, it will be remembered, was drowned some two months ago in company with his partner, Moir, while returning to their mining claim with supplies, their original stores having been given to a shipwrecked crew. Mining men constituted the majority among the Willapa's returning passengers, the list including J. E. Doyen, the "black sand" expert who has been investigating the deposits at Cape Cormorell and at Wreck Bay for outside capitalists; C. W. Rassmussen and family and L. P. Frederickson and family, from Cape Scott; T. T. Childs; B. W. Leeson; B. D. Pearson; T. Keeling; D. L. Closue; W. J. Trethewey; P. Brennan; P. Husher; A. J. Bates; W. E. Auld; A. Hansen; J. Clarke; R. Nelson; W. T. Dawley; H. G. Newton; T. H. Parr; F. Nicholles; J. Watson; S. Waring; J. Carmichael; and G. R. Talbot, the owner of the Castle mine at Bear River, where a fatal explosion of dynamite occurred on the 13th instant, an injured victim of which, A. Bensen, was brought to town for hospital attention. The Willapa reports considerable activity among the mines of the Clayoquot camp, while preparations are being made by the new American owners to actively open up the promising Satanita group.

SEALERS' SUCCESS.

Catches of a Few of the Fleet Reported to the Officers of the Willapa.

Quite a number of the Victoria sealing fleet were spoken by the Willapa along the West Coast during her just-completed "long trip," the list, with dates and catches, being about as follows: Hatzic, March 17, 360 skins; Triumph, at Clayoquot, March 18, 200; Penelope, March 12, 100; E. B. Marvin, March 7, 75; Otto, March 24, 240, at Quatsino; Vera, at Clayoquot, March 18, 640; Umbrina, at Eucluelet, March 19, 487; Sadie Turpel, March 15, 30; Beatrice, March 26, 171, at Nootka; and Favorite, February 25, 256. From the Beatrice the word was received that she had spoken the Ida Etta recently with a catch of 126.

GOSSIP OF THE WATER FRONT.

Renewed Activity Among the Smaller Steam Craft—Busy Scenes at Inner Harbor Wharves.

Steamer Al-Ki goes North from Seattle on Sunday.

Steamer Oscar took a heavy general cargo to Sooke yesterday.

Steam freighter Clansman went to Blaine yesterday with some 400 barrels of tar.

Tug Mamie will leave the ways this morning, her spring overhauling having been completed.

Steamer Thistle is being treated to a fresh coat of paint and generally overhauled prior to her next engagement.

Steamer Cottage City will be due from the North on the morning of April 6, to sail again at 4 a. m. on the 11th.

German ship Arethusa, en route from Altona for Chemanus for lumber cargo, was spoken March 5 in 15 S., 34 W.

Schooner Ocean Rover will come off the ways to-day and resume her interrupted sealing cruise about the end of the week.

Schooners Emma and Louise and Nellie G. Thurston have been granted special permission, although British bottoms, to carry cargo to Nome.

Steamer Victorian did not get away for the Sound until about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. She will arrive at and sail from the outer wharf at the usual hours this morning.

Steamship Idzumi-maru, of the N. Y. K. flag, paid a very brief visit to the ocean dock yesterday, en route outward with full cargo for Japanese and Chinese points and Manila.

Steamer Umatilla is due from San Francisco to-day, and will of course call en route at the William Head quarantine station for inspection, according to the new rule.

The complete plant for a new saw and planing mill to be erected at Port San Juan is being loaded on a scow at Spratt's wharf, delivery to be made about the end of the week.

Having completed discharging of her Victoria freights, ship Achnashie was towed up to Vancouver by the Lorne this morning, to deliver her Mainland consignments. Afterwards she will go on to the Sound.

Very heavy shipments for the canneries, Cassiar and Northern gold district points at present cumber the inner harbor wharves, giving evidence of abundant business for steamers for weeks to come.

Steamer Mystery returned yesterday morning from Hardy Bay, where she had landed her townsite party, including Surveyor A. S. Going. A commodious wharf is to be built, which will greatly stimulate the calling of steamers.

Steamer Walla Walla on going down to San Francisco Friday night will be laid up two trips for her regular spring overhauling, during the progress of which she will be replaced by the City of Puebla, that steamer taking the trip out from the Bay City on the 6th April.

By the 10th April all repairs necessitated to the barge Colorado will have been completed at the Rice Mills wharf, and the veteran vessel will be ready to resume service. The repairs have involved an expenditure of about $4,000.

Steamship Garonne is the latest candidate for Nome business from the Sound. The Senator, of the P. C. S. S. Co. fleet, will have full passenger and freight lists, and the Alpha promises to be equally fortunate. She is now being made thoroughly ready for her trip, at Porter's wharf.

Chief Steward Nerich of the river steamer Sybil, now lying at the mouth of the Hootalinqua, went North on the Danube last evening with the season's supplies. Capt. Clarence Cox is now on the ground, but is laboring under an attack of whooping cough. He intends to have the Sybil into Dawson at the head of the procession. The crew of the steamer leave for the North on the 3rd April.

Steamer Danube sailed for the North via Vancouver last evening, to get away from the Mainland port (with no later calls) at 4 this afternoon. Among her passengers from here were Shipbuilder Alex. Watson and his men, who are to put together at Bennett the companion steamer to the Gleaner, for the John Irving Navigation Co.; Inspector Strickland and two members of the N. W. M. P., with their prisoner for Tagish; and Mr. Nerrich and others of the new season crew of the river steamer Sibyl. The Danube's freight included heavy shipments of specially choice lumber from the Sayward mills, general merchandise and liquors.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Only Slight Changes to Be Noted in Local Conditions.

But few changes are to be noticed in the prices ruling the local market for staples. The fruiterers are receiving quantities of lettuce and other early greens. There is an abundance of fresh eggs, which retail at 20 cents per dozen. There is now no market for Manitoba eggs. No changes are to be noted in connection with the prices ruling for grain and feed staples. The retail quotations are as follows:

Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	$ 5.25
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	5.25
O. K., per bbl	4.75
Snow Flake, per bbl.	4.75
Calgary, Hungarian, per bbl.	5.00
Premier, per bbl.	5.00
XXX Enderby, per bbl.	4.75
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	28.00@30.00
Corn (whole), per ton	26.00@28.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	27.00@30.00
Oats, per ton	26.00@28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	40@ 50
Rolled oats (B. & K.)	4
Rolled oats (B. & K.), 7lb sack	30
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	16.00@17.00
Straw, per bale	50@ 75
Middlings, per ton	21.00@23.00
Bran, per ton	20.00@22.00
Ground feed, per ton	24.00@26.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs	1.00@ 1 25
Cabbages, per lb.	3
Cauliflower, per head	10@ 15
Lettuce, 4 heads for	25
Carrots, per lb.	2
Turnips, per lb	2
Celery, per bunch	15
Tomatoes, per lb	20
Peas, per lb	10
Onions, per lb.	5
Asparagus, per lb.	10
Fish—	
Salmon (smoked), per lb	20
Salmon (spring), per lb	10@ 12½
Oysters (Olympian), per pt.	50
Oysters (Eastern), per tin	75
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb	10
Herring, per lb.	5
Smelts, per lb.	5
Flounders, per lb	6
Crabs, 3 for	25
Farm Produce—	
Eggs (Island), fresh, per doz	20
Butter (Delta creamery)	40
Best dairy	35
Butter (Cowichan creamery)	40
Cheese (Canadian)	20
Lard, per lb.	12½@ 15
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	17@ 18
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	16@ 18
Bacon (American), per lb.	16@ 18
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	14@ 16
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12@ 16
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12½
Shoulders, per lb.	14
Beef, per lb.	8@ 18
Mutton, per lb	10½@ 15
Veal, per lb.	12@ 18
Pork, per lb.	10@ 15
Fruit—	
Bananas, per doz	30@ 35
Lemons (California), per doz	25
Lemons (small), per doz	25
Apples, per lb.	5@ 6
Oranges (navals), per doz.	40
Nuts (all kinds), per lb.	20
Poultry—	
Dressed chicken, per pair	1.50@ 1.75
Ducks (Island), per pair	1.80@ 2.00
Ducks (Eastern) per pair	1.00@ 1.50
Turkeys (Island), per lb	25@ 30
Turkeys (Eastern), per lb	18

In some of the Swiss valleys the inhabitants are all afflicted with goitre or "thick neck." Instead of regarding this as a deformity they seem to think it a natural feature of physical development, and tourists passing through the valleys are sometimes jeered by the goitrous inhabitants, because they are without this offensive swelling. Thus a form of disease may become so common that it is regarded as a natural and necessary condition of life. It is so, to large extent, with what are called diseases of women. Every woman suffers more or less from irregularity, ulceration, debilitating drains, or female weakness, and this suffering is so common and so universal that many women accept it as a condition natural and necessary to their sex. But it is a condition as unnatural as it is unnecessary. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription strengthens the delicate womanly organs and regulates the womanly functions, so that woman is practically delivered from the pain and misery which eat up ten years of her life—between the ages of fifteen and forty-five. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong and sick women well.

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SHARES AND MONEY.

New York, March 28.—Another day of furious activity and buoyant rise of prices marked the further progress of the bulls' campaign in the stock market. Prices closed as follows:

Amn. Cot. Oil	28
Amn. Tob.	107⅞
Amn. Sugar	105¼
Anaconda	49
Atch.	29⅝
A. S. & W.	75⅛
B. & O.	81⅝
B. R. T.	73⅜
Can. Sou.	53
C. & O.	13¼
C. B. & Q.	131¼
Chicago Gas	104
C. & N. W.	163¾
C. R. I. & P.	114⅝
C. M. & St. P.	124⅝
Cont. Tob.	33¼
Cons. Gas, N. Y.	188¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron	50⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	63
D. & L.	183
D. & H.	119
D. & R. G.	74⅜
Fed. Steel	54
Gen. Elec.	130¼
J. C.	118¾
L. & N.	85¾
Man.	97⅜
Mo. Pac.	50⅝
Nat. Lead	24½
N. P. com. new	60¼
N. P. pfd.	77¾
N. Y. C. & H.	138¾
N. Y. L. E. & W.	14⅜
N. Y. O. & W.	26⅛
Pac. Mail	36½
Pressed Steel pfd.	84
P. & R. all paid	30
Sou. Ry. com.	20½
Sou. Pac.	42¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Leather	33¼
U. S. Rubber com.	32
U. P. com.	58½
Wabash pfd.	22⅝
W. U.	84
Com. Cable in Montreal xd.	172
C. P. R. in London xd.	100¾

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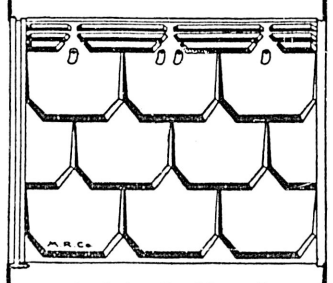

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St. Louis	American	April 11
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THE WAR.

The death of Gen. Joubert not only deprives the Boers of their ablest leader, but removes from the tragic drama now being enacted in South Africa one of the most picturesque and noblest characters. There is reason to believe that he did not approve of the policy which led to hostilities, but when the call to arms came he did his duty like a soldier and a patriot. His death following so closely upon the capture of Cronje, whereby the enemy have been deprived of their two ablest generals, must have a depressing effect upon them. If the Boer character has been rightly portrayed, these losses will have a tendency to convince the army that its cause does not meet with divine approval, and may lead to the disintegration of the several commands.

Yesterday's news confirmed the Colonist's suggestion that there would be an early advance to the North. There is some doubt yet as to the meaning of the operations around Ladybrand, and no new light was cast upon the object of the western movement from Kimberley.

Fauresmith, which Gen. Clements occupied yesterday, is an important town in the Free State, about 35 miles north of the Orange river and about 20 miles west of the railway to Bloemfontein. Rouxville, where the burghers were reported to be surrendering their arms, is the chief town in the south-eastern section of the Free State. It is about 15 miles north of the Orange river and has no railway connection.

Mafeking is on short rations, but was getting along pretty well a week or so ago. There will be profound satisfaction all over the Empire when the siege is raised, and, we venture to say, almost universal regret if the plucky garrison should after so long a resistance be compelled to surrender.

WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING.

Mr. Joseph Martin has made the opening speech of his campaign. It was a carefully studied speech, studied in many respects as to the very words to be employed. It was the speech of a man with a reputation, of one who boasts of his reputation of being a bold, bad man in politics. It was the speech of a man selected by the Lieutenant-Governor to form a ministry, notwithstanding the fact that he had not a supporter in the legislature. It was the speech of a premier during a political and business crisis, something intended to justify his selection for the premiership and secure for himself and the ministry which he may succeed in forming the endorsation of the people of this province. Regarded thus, it was a little the cheapest production that has ever been inflicted upon the British Columbia public. More than half of it was taken up with personalities, and the cheapest kind of personalities at that. There was no malice in them; and the objects of his sarcasm felt about as much amused by it as the audience did to whom it was addressed. The Colonist and its editor personally came in for a full share of it, and we can tell Mr. Martin with all frankness that the only feeling which this arouses on our part is one of profound disappointment that a political gladiator, whose abilities and achievements have been trumpeted from ocean to ocean, would think such paltry stuff worthy of the occasion. For we tell Mr. Martin that the occasion was one which should have called forth something better, and that he showed himself wholly unequal to it. The public had a right to expect something approaching statesmanship. They received instead an exhibition of egotism and mental picayunishness. It would be easy to follow Mr. Martin through the personal portion of his speech and tear it to tatters. It would be possible, very easily possible, to retort upon him in kind, so as to make him a laughing stock. But the proper place to do this, if it is worth attention at all, is on the public platform. If either of the gentlemen whom he made the object of his criticism had followed him then and there, he could have "been made a monkey of" in short order. Mr. Martin knew this as well as anyone. He knew that what he had to say about individuals could not be answered then and would not be answered afterwards, at least to the same audience, and he made the most of his opportunity. And what did it all amount to, even supposing it to be true? Why, to nothing except that two or three gentlemen are opposed to Mr. Martin for personal reasons. British Columbia was not waiting with bated breath to be told this, and we protest that now it has been told no one will pretend that the selection of Mr. Martin as premier has been justified, or that the principles of responsible government have been sustained, or the business interests of the country have been reassured. It is for this reason that we say that Mr. Martin has been weighed and found wanting. The people looked to him for bread and he gave them, not exactly a stone, but a gold brick. With such pitiable stuff Mr. Martin introduces himself and his cause to the people of this province.

Leaving personalities aside, we do not find much in Mr. Martin's speech that is new, but we do find considerable that is misleading. We do not intend to take up all his points seriatim, but shall refer especially to those which seem to have impressed the public most. First we will refer to the Crow's Nest Pass railway grant. We have not the data necessary for the full discussion of this question, and must decline to express any opinion upon the validity of the grant just now. The case calls for fuller study than we have been able to give it but we may admit for argument's sake that Mr. Martin was right in holding that the question should have been adjudicated upon by the courts. It is no part of the business of the Colonist to defend the action of the Semlin government in this matter. When the question was first mooted in the house as to whether or not certain land grants to railways had not been forfeited, the Colonist expressed the opinion that the point ought not to be evaded, but should be promptly met and settled. Mr. Martin can pummel Messrs. Semlin and Cotton to his heart's content for their action in the premises, and we will not have a word to say in protest. What we do protest against is the arrant humbuggery of the claim that the grant robs the province of its revenue from the Crow's Nest Pass Coal. Mr. Martin amazed his audience by telling them that there are so many billions of tons of coal in these lands, and that if the government had kept them and got a cent a ton for the coal the revenue from this source alone would have been a hundred million dollars, and at ten cents a ton, a billion dollars. Why he did not go on and say that at a dollar a ton the revenue would be ten billion dollars we do not know. Then he said that all this revenue would have kept the government of the province going without any necessity of resorting to taxation for fifty years, and built all our necessary railways to boot. We think it may be admitted without doing violence to the multiplication table that ten billion tons of coal at a cent a ton royalty will amount to $100,000,000. Having conceded this, the foundation of Mr. Martin's great appeal, we ask him now to admit that the same quantity of coal at five cents a ton royalty will amount to $500,000,000. Then we will ask him to open his law book and read that every ton of coal raised out of land granted by the province since 1884 must pay a royalty of five cents a ton. This being the case, we ask him how he is going to escape the conclusion that if there are ten billion tons of coal in the land in question and it is mined within fifty years the province will derive a gross revenue from it of $500,000,000, or $10,000,000 a year for 50 years under the law and the facts of the case as they now exist. We make no claim that this justifies the action of the Semlin government: but we do say that it shows that the wonderful discovery upon which Mr. Martin prides himself was long ago foreseen and provided for by the government of British Columbia.

Mr. Martin naturally made much of his railway policy, and gave the usual socialistic talk about it. The Turner government had, he said, proposed to borrow money and to give it to private individuals to build railways; but he proposed to borrow the money and let the people own the railways. He did not direct attention to the fact that whereas all that Mr. Turner proposed was that the province should contribute a small part of the cost of railways in the hope that the Dominion would pay its proportionate share, he proposes that the province shall pay all the cost. He utterly ignored the cardinal principle of the Turner railway policy, which was that in view of the excessive contributions of this province to the federal revenue, the federal government should bear prinpal burden of its development so far as railway construction is concerned. He proposes to relieve the Dominion of any responsibility in the premises and saddle the whole of it upon the people of the province. This is enough of itself to condemn his policy in the eyes of every one who correctly understands the situation. But it is when he talks about raising the money that he makes the most painful exhibition of himself. He talks about borrowing money at 3 per cent. to build railways with. If he thinks he can do this, he is too ignorant of financial matters to make his opinions worth a moment's consideration. If he knows he cannot and yet pretends that he can, he is wilfully deceiving the people. British Columbia cannot float a loan at par. Mr. Cotton placed his at 96; but he placed it with underwriters not with the public. Much of it is with the underwriters now, and until they have disposed of it to the general public they would not think of handling another provincial loan even for a comparatively small amount on the same terms. There is no active market for British Columbia inscribed stock. When a government goes into the market for a loan it is in the same position as a private individual. It is governed by considerations affecting its credit and the law of supply and demand. Some governments can place a loan on the market, and the value of their securities is so well established that the public will bid for the stock. This was illustrated in the case of the war loan, which was bid for many times over. When Mr. Turner placed his first loan on the market the public did not want it at all. When he placed the second loan, the public took a considerable portion of it. When Mr. Cotton placed his loan the public had relapsed into indifference. The province got the money just the same, because certain financial houses underwrote the loan that is they agreed to take it up at a certain price, trusting to the chance of selling it to the public later. The profit to the underwriters depends upon how much more money they can sell the stock for than they paid for it. It is just like buying hay or potatoes. The underwriters have therefore to sustain the price of the stock on the market. If any holder of such stock offers his for sale, the underwriters must see that it does not fall below what they paid for what they hold, even if they have to buy it in. Thus it will be seen that the underwriting of stock, which the public are not anxious to buy, is a financial speculation attended with some risk. Now this province cannot go into the London market to-day and borrow a million dollars without having it loan underwritten, and even then the underwriters will insist on taking the stock at a very considerable discount. Suppose a future finance minister in the course of a year or so goes into the market and wants to borrow $10,000,000, no matter for what purpose. Is there the slightest reason to believe that the public would bid for the large loan when they would not for the smaller one? The whole loan would certainly without having its loan underwritten, and writers would have to get it pretty cheap, for the chance of disposing of the large loan to the public would be much less than in the case of the small loan, while the possible charges for maintaining the price of the large loan until it was all disposed of would be enormously increased. A 3 per cent. $10,000,000 British Columbia loan could not be disposed of at a price which would not increase the interest upon the amount realized from it to at least 4 per cent. Thus it is demonstrable that when Mr. Martin talks about a 3 per cent. loan to build railways with, he is talking nonsense and if he does not know it he is unfit for his position. Then he conveniently shuts his eyes to the fact that he will have to provide a sinking fund, and this will mean from 1 to 1 1-2 per cent. Therefore Mr. Martin's 3 per cent. loan will amount to a 5 per cent. or a 5 1-2 per cent. proposition before he realizes the money, if he ever could realize it at all, which is more than doubtful, for he would find his proposed loan antagonized by all the tremendous influence possessed by the financiers interested in the Canadian Pacific

We shall not to-day take up any other points in Mr. Martin's speech, for a great deal of space has been necessary to deal with these. We invite the most careful criticism of what we have advanced. We have dealt with his two principal points. Knock these out of his speech and the rest of it would hardly receive consideration from even the most thoughtless voters. We refuse utterly to believe that Mr. Martin can deceive any considerable number of the voters of British Columbia by his hollow pretensions. He addresses his appeals to the masses of the people, who are naturally not familiar with the details of legislation or the intricacies of financial operations on the London market. Comparatively few people have time or opportunity to examine into such matters. Mr. Martin, proficient as he is in the arts of the demagogue, takes advantage of this general ignorance, trusting to escape exposure. But he will be exposed and thoroughly exposed. His arguments are shallow and his deceptions transparent. He has made out his whole case. It will not stand investigation. He appears to have been conscious of its weakness for he was careful to devote the greater part of his time to personalities, which would prepare his audience for the reception of his fallacies.

Mr. Martin says the Colonist wanted a new deal. So we did, but we did not want a miscellaneous assortment of slabs.

It is a matter of profound surprise that the extraordinary and wholly unjustifiable action of the Semlin-Cotton government in giving the New Vancouver Coal Company a vast and valuable coal field without notice to the public and without exacting the royalty prescribed by law, has hardly evoked the slightest criticism anywhere except in Victoria and Vancouver. This is only a new illustration of political apathy.

Mr. Laing's lecture in the city hall tonight ought to be well attended, not only because it will be interesting and instructive, but out of compliment to the learned lecturer, who has kindly given his services in order to stimulate interest in the proposed railway to the north end of the Island. There is no admission charge and everybody will be welcomed to hear what Mr. Laing has to say and see the beautiful pictures of the little known scenery of the interior of the Island.

The fuller details of La Joie's North Pole story do not afford any better grounds of judging of its trustworthiness than the abridged particulars already given in the Colonist. The scientific men who have examined him are in a state of suspended judgment; but they admit that he has not been detected in anything that looks like invention. If they would get him to trace out his course from the point on the Alaskan coast to Ottawa, it might be possible to form an idea of the value of this portion of his narrative.

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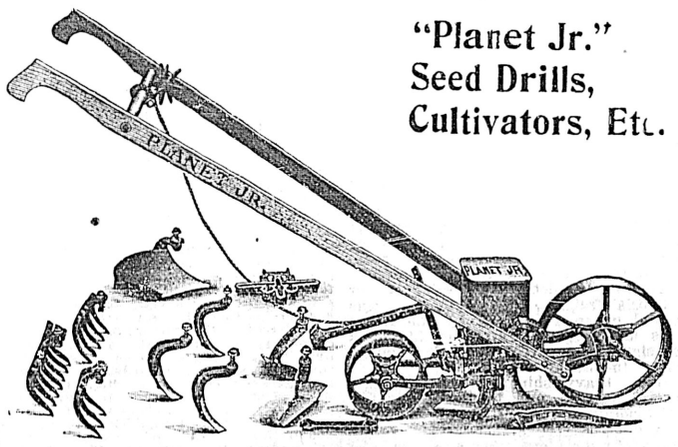

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APPLY

C. C. REVANS.

Treasurer's Day.—A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held this evening at the home, Cormorant street. This is treasurer's day.

Only Routine Work.—The Methodist council held a meeting last evening in the Metropolitan Methodist church. Only routine business was transacted.

New Bridge.—The deputy commissioner of lands and works is calling for tenders, to be in by April 18, for a bridge across the Sproat river near Alberni.

Scriptural Address.—In St. James church last evening Mr. H. Wallis of H. M. S. Leander gave a scriptural address, illustrated with lantern slides. A collection was taken in aid of the church funds.

For Building Fund.—The men from H. M. ships will give an entertainment this evening in A. O. U. W. hall in aid of the building fund of the First Congregational church. A splendid programme has been arranged.

Want Bank Added.—Counsel for Messrs. Walkeley, King & Casey made a motion in supreme court chambers yesterday to have the Bank of British North America added as representatives. The summons stood over until to-day.

Ask That Action Be Dismissed.—In O'Connor vs. Macaulay Bros., an action affecting a permit to sell liquor in the Yukon district, application will be made in supreme court chambers this morning for the dismissal of the action for want of prosecution.

Fifth of the Series.—At the fifth of the series of Lenten organ recitals to be given on Sunday next after evensong at St. John's church, Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Laura Loewen, the Misses Lugrin, Miss Jameson, and Major Monro; while Mr. E. A. Powell (solo violinist) and Mr. Jesse Longfield (assistant organist) will also contribute to the programme of sacred music.

Collins Confesses.—Collins, the man arrested in San Francisco on suspicion of being one of the men who robbed the First National Bank of Seattle, has "peached," implicating Kid Parker, who was arrested here, and McGrath, who is still at large. Over $1,000 of the stolen money was recovered. Paula Cordero, the variety actress whom Parker followed to Victoria, has returned to Seattle.

The Last Rites.—The funeral of the late Mrs. William Goudie took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Victoria West. Rev. Mr. Knox conducted the services, and the pallbearers were Messrs. E. C. Smith, J. J. Randolph, A. W. Huson, H. Smith, E. Rambose and E. T. Forward. Members of the K. of P. lodge of which the deceased's husband was a member, attended in carriages.

Floral Cantata.—The flower concert which is to be given at the A. O. U. W. hall soon after Easter has already awakened considerable interest in the city. It will certainly prove both a novel and attractive entertainment, with its bright costumes representing flowers of all kinds and its setting of woodland scenery, alive with fairies, gnomes, butterflies and all the mysterious inhabitants of Fairyland.

Seeking a Divorce.—Messrs. Crease & Crease, acting for T. Gallon, of Nelson, have entered a suit in divorce, the reason charged being adultery. The co-respondent is named Carson, it being alleged that Mrs. Gallon and Carson spent some time in Victoria, living at the Dallas hotel as man and wife. In chambers to-day a motion will be made to set a date for the trial. It is not expected that there will be a contest, as Carson and Mrs. Gallon are believed to have left the country.

Created a Sensation.—All because a Chinese merchant had moved into new and more commodious premises, Chinatown took it upon itself to celebrate with a brave display of fireworks and lively fusilade of crackers at about half-past four yesterday morning; and all because Chinatown did so, hundreds if not thousands of citizens were deceived into the happy belief that Mafeking had been delivered. The noise of the jolly fusilade was heard even to Esquimalt, from which place one of many telephonic inquiries came to the Colonist.

Looking For Timber.—The fact that the timber in the states east of Washington is beginning to give out is driving the lumbermen to the coast to look for limits, which in time will have to supply the markets of the world. During the last few years miles of limits in British Columbia, and particularly on Vancouver Island, have been secured by Easterners, and they are looking for more. One of their emissaries, C. B. Hill, of Duluth, spent Monday in Victoria endeavoring to secure limits, but was not successful. He will, however, be back in a few days.

Fatality in a Mine.—By the return of the Willapa from the West Coast yesterday, news was received of a fatal explosion of dynamite in the Castle mine, Bear river, Clayoquot, on the 13th instant, as a result of which one of the miners, Chris. Arnot, died after 18 hours' lingering with mortal injuries, and A. Bensen was rendered a candidate for hospital treatment, to secure which he came here with Mr. Talbot, the owner of the property. There had been a misfire, and the hole was cleared (as it was thought) of dynamite, and drilling recommenced. Unhappily the work of removing the dynamite had not been completed, and an explosion occurred throwing a cloud of rocks, one heavy piece of which crushed Arnot, while others inflicted bad bruises to Bensen's back and thigh. Arnot lingered about 18 hours and then died at his home in Clayoquot.

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Hon. Robert Beaven Tells of the Distrust Prevailing in Canada.

Present Premier's Supremacy Regarded as a Grave Danger.

Hon. Robert Beaven is back from an extended visit to Eastern Canada, having attended at Toronto the first annual meeting of the National Life Assurance company of Canada. While in the East Mr. Beaven had exceptional opportunities of meeting with representative business men and capitalists; and naturally he was questioned very closely in regard to the political situation in British Columbia. As a result of such conversations Mr. Beaven has arrived at the conclusion that the triumph of Mr. Martin in the approaching contest in the provincial arena would result in the almost complete withdrawal of Eastern Canadian capital from investment in this province, so great is the distrust everywhere manifested at the present Premier and his methods.

Mr. Beaven says those with whom he came in contact all evinced a very lively interest in political happenings in British Columbia. They look upon this province as presenting naturally an excellent field for investment; but are unanimous in the opinion that Mr. Martin's supremacy would work incalculable injury to the country. Mr. Beaven regards this as a very important feature, inasmuch as the opinions expressed to him on this subject were not those of incompetent observers, but the opinions of men who may fairly be said to represent the business brains of Canada. That being so, the people can see how great is the danger which lies in the possibility of the continued triumph of Martin as the Premier of British Columbia.

To the Colonist last evening Mr. Beaven said:

"I visited Toronto to attend the first annual meeting of the National Life Assurance Company of Canada. The company is young, but is one of the strongest in the Dominion. It includes among its stockholders many of the wealthy business men of Canada, all the provinces being represented on the long list. The president, Mr. H. S. Howland, is president also of the Imperial Bank of Canada, the vice-president, Mr. Elias Rogers, is a director of the Imperial Bank and a very wealthy man. Mr. W. D. Long, of the firm of Long, Bisbee, & Co., of Hamilton, is second vice-president of the National Life, and is worth at least one and a half million. Dr. Montague, M. P., of Hamilton, Mr. John Burns, vice-president of the Standard Bank, Mr. John D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and vice-president of the St. Stephen Bank, Mr. A. S. Irving, president of the News company and Mr. J. J. Foy, Q. C., M. P. P., director of the Toronto General Trusts Co., were present at the meeting—in fact the gathering was national in every sense of the word and was composed of the men of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The business of the company has been extremely successful, very much so in this province. I am a director and the chairman of the provincial board, and especially wished to bring before the meeting several matters connected with the extension of business on this coast. I was most cordially met after a somewhat lengthy discussion of my propositions and we are now authorized to employ additional agents and extend the business of the company. Every opportunity was afforded to fully understand the affairs of the company, its investments, and its business methods; and I feel convinced it has a managing director in Mr. R. H. Matson of Toronto, and a secretary in Mr. Sparling, who cannot be excelled.

Besides visiting Toronto I travelled over twelve hundred miles additional. In every part of Canada I went to I found great interest taken in the political affairs of this province. The action of the members of the legislature on prorogation day is universally condemned as being childish in the extreme, and wonder is expressed at the want of knowledge as to the constitutional prerogatives of the Lieutenant-Governor thereby exemplified by men holding seats in the legislature. The Hon. Joseph Martin appears to be wellknown everywhere, and wonder is expressed at his recent elevation to the premiership. I pointed out that although standing alone in the house last session he practically dictated to both government and opposition the course pursued by the legislature.

"The various gentlemen whom I have mentioned and others equally as prominent in business circles, are all of the opinion that the success of Mr. Martin at the polls would be a serious blow to the welfare of this province. It would, in my opinion, have a tendency to the almost complete withdrawal of capital for investment in all quarters.

"Mr. Martin is regarded everywhere as a man of great ability; but, while that is admitted, he is looked upon simply as a wrecker—he can successfully pull down but cannot build up. This I found to be the universal opinion of men who know him and are familiar with his record as a politician in Canada.

"It was the same story everywhere among the prominent business men of Canada, and from what I have heard I am sure that Mr. Martin's success will result in the almost complete withdrawal of capital for investment purposes from British Columbia. Everybody admits the great possibilities for legitimate investment which exist here under reasonable conditions, but these are not sufficient to counterbalance the general dread engendered by Mr. Martin's political reputation.

"Now, as regards the political situation from a British Columbia stand point, I can understand the Governor calling on Mr. Martin to form a government, on the dismissal of the Semlin ministry, as the present Premier during the last session dictated the policy of the house; but the Governor renders himself open to criticism, to say the least, if he allows Mr. Martin more than a reasonable time in which to complete his cabinet. That limit has about been reached, especially in view of the selections he has so far made.

"What ought to be done? Well, in my opinion the house should be dissolved immediately and the elections brought on within two weeks. This idea of waiting for the voters' lists to be revised is all bosh. To allow Mr. Martin to dillydally and keep the country in suspense is very wrong. If he cannot form a government he should retire. But the country is apparently not considered at all—Mr. Martin's personal plans are paramount.

"As regards Mr. Martin's platform—it does not amount to much. The principal features of it are put forward in such indefinite language as to bind the man to nothing.

"Personally I am opposed to the party line movement. I never could see where Dominion matters came in in provincial affairs, I never could understand what protection or free trade had to do with the question of governing a province like British Columbia. I can easily see where Mr. Martin would benefit personally by splitting the electors up into camps.

"What would I advise? I would advise all those who are in favor of good government, a progressive government, and of course they comprise the great bulk of the people, to unite their forces throughout the province, and do it at once. It should not be a Victoria movement, but a general movement throughout the province. It should have been begun six months ago, as everyone was aware that the Semlin government had to go.

"In my opinion Mr. Martin's chances of success at the present time depend entirely on his ability to arrange for the continuance until after the elections of the disorganized state in which the various factions and parties are at present."

The Police Court.—Before Magistrate Hall yesterday morning Lawrence Mooney, on the charge of housebreaking, was remanded until to-day. A bicyclist who rode on the sidewalk paid the usual fine.

Crime in Seattle.—The police authorities of Seattle have asked for a large increase in the police force to cope with the criminals who are overrunning that city. Every suspicious character is being arrested, gambling houses have been closed, prize-fights prohibited and every possible step taken to drive the criminals out. The local police are keeping a sharp lookout to prevent those driven from Seattle coming to Victoria.

Auction of Furniture To-day.—The sales rooms of the Cuthbert-Browne Co., Ltd., Langley street, are full to the doors with elegant modern furniture that will be sold this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A feature of the sale is the very fine English upright grand pianoforte. On account of the large number of big lots, it may be necessary to continue the sale at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Friday) morning. However, an effort will be made to get through everything to-day.

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The entire catch of the New England, which is operated from Vancouver, and the Edith, from Tacoma, has been shipped East, mainly to Boston, as has also much of that of the Angeles, Seattle's representative in the fleet. The sailing fleet's catch is disposed of mainly west of the Mississippi and on the Pacific Coast.

"The Wrangel Narrows' catch has been much lighter than we had reason to expect at the beginning of the season," Mr. Pope said. "Conditions were most unfavorable all winter. For a week at a time the weather was so rough that no fishing could be done. These bad weeks were entirely too frequent, and the result has been a light catch."

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Busy Meeting Of Aldermen

Question of Tenders for Pumping Plant Causes Much Discussion.

Albion Iron Works Complain of Unfair Treatment--The Estimates By-Law.

Yesterday evening's special meeting of the city council was a more than usually interesting one, two important subjects engaging attention—the question of the awarding of a contract for the machinery of the new pumping station at North Dairy Farm and the estimates for the current year.

The first business dealt with was a communication from B. R. Seabrook, manager of the Albion Iron Works Company, in which complaint was made that the company had been unfairly treated by the city in the matter of the tenders for the machinery of the new pumping station. Much discussion ensued, and the communication was finally laid upon the table until the committee to whom the matter of the tenders had been referred had submitted their report. Upon going into the committee of the whole considerable progress was made on the Expenditure By-law, 1900, and several important additions made to the appropriations, the grant for park improvements being increased and also that for electric light purposes. Mayor Hayward made a strong plea for an additional appropriation of $8,000 for the paving of Broad and Yates streets, but fearing a shortage of funds, his request was voted down by the board.

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There were present His Worship Mayor Hayward in the chair, and Aldermen Cameron, Yates, Stewart, Kinsman, Beckwith, Hall, Cooley and Brydon.

A lengthy communication, comprising eight pages of twpe-written matter, was read from B. R. Seabrook, manager of the Albion Iron Works Company, the tenor of which was a protest against the action of the council in refusing to adopt the recommendation of the special committee who had advised awarding the contract for pumps and other machinery for the pumping station to the Albion Iron Works Company. Mr. Seabrook complained on behalf of his company that this was not the first time the city had acted unfairly towards them, citing the case of his company tendering for certain street work, and alleging that the council had no right to attempt to use their specifications, as proposed, in calling for new tenders for pumps, etc. The letter concluded by informing the board that in the event of the council standing by its resolution of the previous evening and calling for new tenders, the Albion Iron Works would withdraw from the competition and would be pleased to have their certified checks returned at once.

The letter of Mr. Seabrook went exhaustively into the question of the advantages of the different qualities of machinery and prices.

Ald. Stewart wanted to know if there were any tenders for two boilers and three pumps?

No answer forthcoming to this inquiry, Ald. Yates remarked that he noticed the company asked for the checks to be returned. Does that mean that they withdraw their tender?

The Mayor—If the resolution passed at the previous meeting stands they withdraw. Is that not so, Mr. Raymur?

Mr. Raymur (the water commissioner)—Yes, as I understand it.

Ald. Stewart—They say they have been treated unfairly. I say we have treated them more than fairly. The time for receiving tenders was 3 o'clock and the Albion Iron Works by special permission were allowed to put in their tender at 5 o'clock. They are not the people who should complain of unfair treatment. If the council had done what it should have done the tender should not have been accepted at all. They were not asked to submit plans. They talk about the figures being made known. It was a very common thing to make figures known after the tenders were opened. I beg to differ with the tenor of that letter. The council has not treated the Albion Iron Works unfairly. I move that the letter be received and laid upon the tabe for further consideration.

Ald. Yates suggested as an amendment that it be laid upon the table until the special committee's report had been received.

Ald. Beckwith—The committee must carry out the resolution passed at Monday night's session. The original specifications in the opinion of a good many were not for such a plant as was required and the building was not right, with the result that so far as the Albion Iron Works is concerned, the whole matter being talked over, it was suggested they should submit specifications of what was required. So far as the question of opening the tenders in public is concerned, these tenders should not have been opened at all until we were in shape to go ahead. It was unfair to take specifications from the Albion Iron Works Company and ask others to tender upon figures already known.

Ald. Kinsman did not think the Albion Iron Works Company had much ground for complaint. It would not be fair, however, to receive tenders on the Albion Iron Works specifications. In regard to the complaint re the tenders which they had submitted for gates for sidewalks, he would say an injustice had been done the company.

Ald. Brydon was not aware that the figures of the various tenderers had been made public as alleged, and did not see where the complaint came in on that head. The council must deal fairly with all people, though he would rather see the Albion Iron Works get all the work there is going, as they were a local concern and a large employer of labor. But there were a good many things in the letter neither complimentary to the council not the writer. In regard to the street doors alluded to, the company was asked what they could be made for. They said $50 apiece—afterwards a bill came in for $125. Andrew Gray then tendered and said he would make them for $50. But the true reason of the increased price asked was the advance in the price of steel plate.

Ald. Beckwith wanted to know if it was correct that an error was made in the bill asking $250 and an explanation made to the officials. In his opinion some mistake had been made in making out the bill.

Ald. Yates moved that this matter be deferred until the committee's report be received.

Ald. Cameron—These people protest against not being fairly treated. I am inclined to think they are right. I understand that they were asked to send in different tenders. It is not fair to use those tenders at the same time. All tenders should be on the same basis. Now while we, as a council, did not ask for these different tenders at reduced figures from the Albion Iron Works Company, still the others were not asked. The tenders should never have been made public. Is it true that the Albion Iron Works Company say that they will not tender again? he asked. I should like the Water Commissioner to explain.

Ald. Stewart—Is there not another tender in for a boiler and three pumps? What is that tender?

Water Commissioner Raymur—The specifications were really drawn up and submitted to show a copy of the three boilers in the electric light station. Fifteen copies of these specifications were sent out—to Seattle, the Mainland cities, etc. Mr. Seabrook came to my office and said that the metal as proposed in the specifications would not stand the government test. Mr. Northcott, who was present, said it was useless then to object; to wait until the contract was to be signed. He also said that Nicholles & Renouf had said they would send in one which would fill the bill, and Mr. Seabrook then said that he would have plans and specifications prepared on a proper basis and if they were not accepted, but used as a basis for other tenders, would make a charge of $25.

Ald. Cameron—Was this Albion Iron Works tender lower?

Mr. Raymur—No. I consider Messrs. Gray & Hutcheson were experts, and decided to accept the tender "C" in the specifications of the Albion Works, but new specifications are being drawn up.

Ald. Yates—Is it intended only to send specifications to those who originally tendered or to others?

Mr. Raymur—To anyone.

The Mayor—I think the only way out of the difficulty is to adopt the report of the committee as submitted last Monday night. They had examined into the matter; had expert opinion; and thereon had reached their decision.

Ald. Brydon—We did not set aside that recommendation and all tenderers may compete again.

The Mayor—The essence of the committee's report is that the contract be awarded; that we set aside.

His Worship then read the report of the committee.

Ald. Yates felt himself in the position of the man who could say "I told you so." He had first of all protested that the specifications were faulty and had opposed the opening of the tenders. His advice had not been taken. When the council had found themselves in the position of having opened the tenders, they referred them to a committee, and then decided to call for new tenders. But the committee did not carry out their instructions; they consulted individual tenderers and asked them what they would do in the way of deductions so as to meet the appropriation. The Albion Iron Works Company now said that it was unfair to ask them to tender on their new specifications; but the Albion Iron Works tender came in too late to be received at the ordinary hours. As regarded their letter, it was in the nature of a threat, and if the matter went into a court would be regarded in a very serious light. In his opinion it would be much better for the council to stand by their original intention and await the committee's report. As for the request that the checks be returned—he considered it a bluff. The Albion Iron Works Company had been treated fairly. He (Ald. Yates) was the only man who had prophesied what would occur. He did not propose to go back upon the decision of the last meeting.

Ald. Beckwith—Ald. Cameron is not far astray in his suggestion. It just amounts to this—if we go ahead and invite other tenders, the Albion Iron Works Company will withdraw, that is if we make use of their specifications. He did not think it was fair to allude to the acceptance of their tender after the ordinary hour.

Ald. Yates' motion carried.

At this point a request was made to the press that the figures mentioned of the different tenders should not be published. The Mayor asked if it was the wish of the council that the letter from the Albion Iron Works Company should be made public, explaining that it had always been customary to give the communications to the press. Several of the aldermen, turning to the reporters for a sign that they would agree to the request not to publish the figures mentioned, the Colonist representative explained that Mr. Seabrook was perfectly willing, he understood, to have the letter published—in any event, the letter having been read had in substance become public property.

Ald. Brydon reminded the Mayor that the board had the privilege of excluding reporters.

The Mayor was not quite sure of this, and it was thereupon unanimously decided that the letter should not be published.

The Kuskanook fire relief committee forwarded a letter explaining the situation in their stricken little city.

The Mayor informed the council that he had collected $2 toward the fund.

Ald. Brydon pointed out that Vancouver had got together quite a subscription and asked what Mayor Hayward had done.

His Worship replied that he had no suggestion to make.

Ald. Beckwith thought something should be done.

Ald. Kinsman said that Victoria had had her turn in the bridge accident and had got no assistance from outside.

Ald. Yates wanted to know what steps the Mayor had taken.

His Worship explained that he had given the telegram to the press with a request for subscriptions.

Ald. Yates moved that subscription lists be opened at banks and other public places—which resolution carried.

The standing comaittee on finance recommended the appropriation of $600 out of the general revenue to recoup Mr. and Mrs. Noot, sufferers from the Point Ellice bridge accident. This carried and the expenditure by-law was then taken up in committee of the whole.

The Mayor directed attention to the necessity of making an appropriation for the purpose of paving Yates and Broad streets. Engineer Topp had estimated the cost at $8,000.

Ald. Cameron did not think it possible to get that amount out of the revenue this year. He thought the time had come when the question of street work should be put on a proper basis. The people must be educated up to know that they must pay for street improvements. He thought that the local improvement system was the only one to apply to other matters besides that of streets. He thought the city should have power to tax sewers and street improvements. The general tax is as heavy now as it should be and he was opposed to putting on an additional tax of 2 mills this year. He pointed out that $1,500 additional was wanted for electric light purposes.

Ald. Kinsman, chairman of the electric light committee, read a letter from Supt. Hutcheson showing the cost of installing extra lamps to be $90 and that of placing a light in position $45.

The Mayor suggested that in order to get the $7,000 needed for street work the other appropriations be cut down in some places—knock off the $3,000 for harbor investigation and get a wooden building instead of a brick one for the pumping station.

Ald. Brydon protested against this suggestion.

The Mayor did not see why such an expensive building should be erected outside of the city.

Ald. Kinsman gave it as his opinion that a wooden building was better than brick.

Ald. Brydon thought it would be false economy to surround expensive machinery with a frame building.

Ald. Cameron moved that vote number 24 for the maintenance of the street lighting system be increased $1,500, which after some discussion carried.

Ald. Hall made a strong and effectual plea for an additional appropriation for the park, and so eloquent was the chairman of the park committee that he succeeded in getting an additional $500 tacked on to the original grant of $1,250.

Discussing the proposal for an appropriation of $8,000 for the paving of Broad and Yates streets, the Mayor pointed out that this matter should be decided at once, as the tramway would requrre to get certain rails for their proposed improvements if the paving were done.

The Mayor's plea for the additional sum was unavailing and the motion that the grant be made was voted down.

Ald. Yates moved that the clause pertaining to the granting of the sum of money for the Sorby harbor borings be made to read "for harbor improvements" instead of harbor scheme. This was done, and after some further discussion the board adjourned.

MR. COTTON'S MANIFESTO.

Acceptance of the Mantle of Mr. Semlin Occasion For Address to Provincial Electors.

The following appears in the Vancouver News-Advertiser of the 28th inst.:

To the Provincial Electors of British Columbia.

Gentlemen: Mr. Semlin having resigned the leadership of the Provincial party, which he had held since 1894, I have accepted the position at the unanimous request of the members of the legislature who supported the late government.

I am opposed to the introduction of federal party lines into the conduct of provincial affairs. I believe that the interests of the province can be served best by the hearty co-operation of men of both federal parties.

In 1897 Mr. Semlin, as the leader of the Provincial party, set forth the main features of its policy. They comprised an equitable redistribution of electoral representation; greater economy and more efficiency in the civil service; a liberal expenditure on public works, but more careful supervision of the outlay; the discouragement of Oriental immigration; better administration of the public lands in the interests of actual settlers and industrial enterprises; the repeal of the mortgage tax and the abolition of the tax on men working in mines for wages, and a radical change in the manner in which aid for the construction of railways is granted.

The record of the party for the eighteen months during which it was in power shows that it adhered faithfully to the policy outlined by Mr. Semlin and to the pledges given at the elections in 1898.

It abolished the mortgage tax and the tax on working miners. It effected economies in the cost of the civil service and made it more efficient. It stopped the sale of large tracts of land to speculators. It carried on public works in a more businesslike manner. While it was prevented by the decision of the judicial committee of the Privy Council and the veto of the Dominion government from carrying out all its measures for the restriction of Oriental competition with white labor, its urgent representation have secured a promise from the Dominion government that it will pass legislation at this session of parliament to restrict Oriental immigration. It stopped the system of granting imense tracts of land to railway companies without any tangible return therefor or control over freight rates. It introduced a bill to give a more equitable distribution of electoral representation than now exists, and would have succeeded in the object for which the people have struggled for years but for the action of some who placed their own ambitions before the public good and the gratification of personal spite before the fulfilment of their pledges. It restored order in the provincial finances and provided for the discharge of deficits accumulated before it came into office by a loan negotiated at a higher price and with less expense than in any previous issue.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Provincial party when in power carried out the pledges made by it to the electors.

While pledging the party to do its best to carry out those parts of the policy enunciated in 1897, which have not yet been accomplished, there are now other questions which demand attention. On their prompt and satisfactory solution depends, to a great extent, the progress of the province and the prosperity of all classes of its people.

Among these matters one of the most important is the opening up of all parts of British Columbia by railways. In the past large tracts of land and considerable sums of money have been granted to aid the construction of railways, but the results have not been commensurate with the assistance which was given.

The immediate construction of 1,000 miles of new railways would still leave many parts of the province without railway facilities. Various proposals have been made with a view of extending the length of railways in the province. Among these the construction and operation of railways by the province has been prominently advocated. I am myself in favor of the state ownership of railways and other works of a similar character when the conditions are such as to make it feasible. But I think that those who urge that the province immediately enter on such a policy overlook the fact that the conditions here are very different from those which prevail in Australia and New Zealand, countries referred to in support of the argument for state ownership. They have the control of the revenue from customs and inland revenue receipts. We have neither of those sources, but can only fall back on direct taxation. Our credit and ability to borrow are, therefore, very limited, and our present possible resources quite inadequate to meet the cost of construction of 300 or 400 miles of railway, amounting to from $10,000,000 to $15,000,000. Even could such a sum be borrowed it would be only on terms so onerous as to involve trebling the rate of taxation on the taxpayers of the whole province, while the expenditure would only benefit those of one district. It has been also suggested that the crown lands would form a security for raising loans. But, as a fact, the sales of lands to settlers do not realize enough to pay for the expense incurred in opening up new districts by roads and bridges, while these new settlers cannot bear any increase in the burdens of taxation. To attempt to impose a higher rate of taxation would result in retarding the progress of the province and thus neutralise the object had in view by opening it up.

It is, however, the duty of those who ask for popular support to be prepared to devise some plan for the accomplishment of what is clearly in the public interest—the extension of railways in the province. I accept that responsibility. I would make a radical change in our railway policy with a view to accelerating the present rate of construction and the ultimate adoption of state ownership.

Under the present system of granting charters by the legislature we impose many needless obstacles and delays in the way of the investment of money in railways. We should not take as our models in such a matter old and thickly settled countries, but those similar to this province. In the Western States of the Union we find it is as easy to incorporate a railway as it is here to incorporate a company for any commercial purpose. I would therefore propose to follow their example and initiate a policy of "Free Trade in Railways." That policy has largely extended railway mileage to the south of us; it will do the same here. Let a general railway act be passed authorizing any company on complying with certain regulations to have power to build a railway. Provisions would be made for the acquisition of the lines by the province at certain periods on equitable terms and state ownership would thus be secured when the province could undertake it. The regulation of freight rates would also be secured. There is nothing revolutionary about this. It already exists in India. Instead of hampering capital, we should give it an open field, and I am confident that in a very short time we shall then find many new railways being built. I am assured that with "Free Trade in Railways" a line up the Fraser valley would be begun at once. If the province saw fit to aid any road it would receive securities in exchange for such assistance, and this would practically be so much paid towards the ownership by the province. Such a policy, I am convinced, would revive enterprise; bring capital and provide much employment for our people, without imposing on the taxpayers any additional burdens.

Among other measures which I would propose would be the carrying on of public works under the system of efficient supervision introduced by the late government so as to open up the province and provide good roads for settlers.

I would propose to re-introduce the following bills introduced at the last session, viz.:

To repeal the Alien Exclusion Act of 1899;

To amend the Liquor License Act of 1899;

To provide for the compulsory scaling of logs;

To redistribute the electoral representation of the province;

To amend the Act for the Establishment of a Bureau of Labor and of Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration;

To re-enact the Labor Regulation Act.

Also to introduce legislation for the following purposes:

To provide for the payment of fair wages on any work to which government subsidies or other aid is given, or under any contract with the government;

To give relief to the settlers on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company's land grant, if the obligation to do so is found to rest on the province and not on the Dominion;

To make an arrangement with the same company for the opening up of its lands under government supervision so as to secure more rapid settlement;

To afford facilities for the acquisition and cultivation of small agricultural holdings;

To develop the export trade to the Territories of fruit and other produce and for co-operation with the Dominion in the fostering of the dairy industry;

To give a better tenure to lessees of placer claims so as to induce the investment of capital in large hydraulic enterprises;

It is also desirable that some arrangement should be made with the Dominion government to permit of mineral deposits on Indian reserves being worked by white miners.

In regard to the eight-hour law, it appears to me that the question is simply one of the scale of wages. I have reason to believe that an adjustment of the dispute will soon be reached by the parties interested, and in that case they will probably make some recommendations as to certain modifications in the present law. If an amicable settlement is not reached, it should be the duty of the government to make a report to the legislature at the earliest possible time, giving all the facts of the case with its recommendation as to what course should be taken to restore harmony between the mine owners and miners.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

F. CARTER-COTTON.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Byron White, manager of the Ruth silver mines, Slocan, told a Kootenaian reporter that it will be six or eight weeks before they go to work again.

Raoul Green, engineer of the Camp Mansfield properties leaves for the South Fork in a day or two. They are working 14 men now.—Kootenaian.

Slocan mines are beginning to ship steadily. About 400 tons have so far gone out this year, not a little of which has been sent to Trail. The Arlington, the Bosun, the Black Prince, the Capella and the Hartney are among the shippers. The new tramway between the Wakefield mine and the concentrator has been turned over to the company by B. C. Riblet.—Kootenaian.

Clover Point Range.—In the House of Commons recently Col. Prior moved for "copies of all correspondence, telegrams and reports since 1st September, 1899, between the Hon. the Minister of Militia, or his agents, and the District Officer Commanding Military District No. 11, or any other person, in regard to the rifle range at Clover Point, Victoria."

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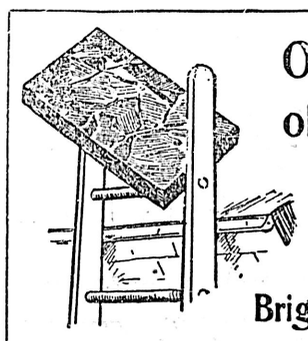

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WHIST.

CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The weekly whist tournament will take place at the J. B. A. A. club house this evening. As the first and second junior prizes are to be awarded there should be a large attendance.

BASEBALL.

Changed Names.

The Maple Leaf baseball club met at the Empire hotel last evening to organize for the coming season. It was decided to change the name of the club to the Victoria baseball club and new suits will be ordered at once for the new name. There are twenty-one members to begin with. Negotations are to be opened with the Seattle club for a game here during the Queen's birthday celebration. The meeting was adjourned until Friday evening April 4th, when definite arrangements will be made to complete the team for the coming season.

Letters to The Editor.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Sir: Recent developments and Mr. Martin's meeting of last night tend to clear the political atmosphere, and to my mind strengthen the case of those who advocate that the present is the time for all Liberal-Conservatives to unite in doing their duty to their country by taking in hand the defeat of Mr. Martin and his Liberal government. If the Liberal-Conservatives do not undertake the task after the gauntlet has been thrown down so emphatically as it has been, then I ask who or what organization is going to take up the burthen? A great deal has been said and written by those who profess to oppose so-called "party lines," but they have not offered one practical suggestion as to the method by which the defeat of Mr. Martin at the polls is to be accomplished.

At this juncture the country looks naturally to the Liberal-Conservative party to give it good government by demolishing a weak Liberal government led by Mr. Martin. It is noticeable that those mainly opposed to party lines are the very Liberals who are responsible for the present situation. Mr. McInnes, who was appointed by the Liberals, has called upon a Liberal to form a government, and takes good care that the Premier invites none but Liberals to take office. Mr. Martin was brought to this country by the Liberals to assist them in the campaign of 1896, and was again retained by the Liberal wing of the Semlin-Cotton party to assist in securing the defeat of the Turner party in 1898.

The Liberals in Vancouver and Victoria who are instrumental in working upon the feelings of weak-kneed Conservatives, much as they would delight in the discomfiture of Mr. Martin, still are such strong partizans that they fear a Conservative victory more than they dread misgovernment under Martin.

The mass of the Liberals are going to support Mr. Martin; they won't be deterred because a few of the leaders in that party repudiate him, and the sooner Conservatives of Victoria realize this the better.

Unfortunately little or no publicity is given to the news from a number of Mainland constituencies which shows how strong the feeling is with them that the Liberal-Conservatives must bring out candidates in opposition to Mr. Martin. In every constituency on the Mainland where there is a Liberal-Conservative organization candidates are to be placed in the field under the auspices of the association. Let Victoria Conservatives then unite with their brethren on the Mainland and work with a will to defeat the Liberals in the forthcoming contest. If they don't, what then is going to happen? A combination of all those who desire "honest government." A party led by someone who will place "patriotism above party." "The plain, every-day, ordinary people should rise to the occasion." Such like platitudes and truisms are what we are offered as suggestions; they read well, sound noble and may appeal to many who have failed to consider the result if no practical concerted action is adopted.

By those interested in preventing the adoption of party lines a number of objections are advanced, such as platform, leadership, federal issues introduced into local affairs, and other minor matters which serve, as they are intended, to act like a herring drawn across the trail, to throw us off the scent and forget—in disputing over matters of detail all of which are susceptible of arrangement—that our primary object is to defeat Liberalism headed by Mr. Martin, and to secure a good, stable, honest Conservative government.

F. S. BARNARD.

THE BELLA COOLA BOERS.

Sir, Some time ago your paper published accounts of meetings held in Vancouver by pro-Boer sympathizers, which your paper properly denounced. I regret to say that Vancouver is not the only place in the province where pro-Boer sympathies are publicly expressed. You will no doubt be surprised to hear that in Bella Coola the great majority of the Norwegian colony, especially their leaders, openly express their sympathy for the Boers.

Such expressions of disloyalty coming from a people that have left a foreign country, where it was hard to get along and burdened by debt, and settling on British soil, the British Columbia government reserving a whole valley for their express benefit for three years, giving them free crown grants, exemption from taxes for four years and spending thousands of dollars on public works for their benefit, giving them the exclusive right to do that work themselves, privileges that British-born subjects were not allowed—I say that such expressions of disloyalty from these Norwegians are an ungrateful return for what one of Her Majesty's colonial governments have done for them.

If British Columbia is to be settled by people holding such opinions it would be useless for the goverament to look to them for assistance in a more serious crisis.

One of the Norwegian colonists holding loyal opinions says, You're a nice lot of British subjects! When we want money for our roads who are we going to ask for it, Kruger?

A TRUE BRITON.

Bella Coola, March 6.

JOSEPH MARTIN, LATE M. P. P.

Sir: This gentleman informed his audience last night that a general election would take place on June 15; meanwhile he is in receipt of the emoluments of office and has been handling the country's funds without the approval of parliament or of his former constituency since February. Those who have agreed to join his government have never been in parliament, and may have to wait till June 15 to find a constituency to contest, but Mr. Martin has a vacancy ready to his hand. It has been his duty ever since his acceptance of office to stand for re-election at Vancouver, and seeing the confident tone in which he speaks of being welcomed by the country, it ought to be a pleasure for him to meet his former constituents. The Lieutenant-Governor is bound by all rules of parliamentary procedure to make him go to his constituency.

March 28. SCRUTATOR.

HARBOR SCHEME.

Sir: I do not propose to go into the details of Mr. Sorby's scheme, but I think that it has been shown that the scheme should be looked into with very much more searching criticism before the city is committed to it, than has been the case. It was all very well when it was thought that the Dominion government would undertake the work, which they decline to do, but it is an entirely different matter when we may have to dig up a guarantee, as in the case of the Sidney railway, which, if you will remember, was to be "more than self-supporting from the first." To say that it will bring prosperity while the works are being constructed is simply to make fools of the ratepayers with their own money.

A RATEPAYER.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, March 24.—Four feet of solid ore, giving average values of $80 per ton, was encountered this week in a drift from the 130-foot level of the Golden Eagle, in Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle river. Superintendent J. H. Fox brought the news to town, and says a pump and hoist will be installed shortly. The other claims in the group are the Laskey and the Junction City Fraction. They adjoin each other. The ownership is vested in the Royal Victoria Gold Mining Co. The group is situated upon a spur of Volcanic mountain and about 1,000 feet above and half a mile from the river. The distance from Grand Forks is about ten miles. The formation consists of an acidic-eruptive rock, which upon cooling has been fractured into several joint planes. In places they reach the surface, and are indicated by mineralized croppings, in others they are only disclosed by underground work.

Frank Robins, M.E., superintendent of the Brooklyn and Stemwinder, at Phoenix, in a report on the group gave the following expert opinion: "The property, as a whole, is well worthy of exploration. It is already more than a prospect, inasmuch as workable ore is exposed, which only requires a market. In fact it may be called in its present condition a good 'little' mine." The main vein appears on the surface, having a north and south trend, and extends into the adjoining Earthquake group. No. 1 shaft has been sunk to a depth of 95 feet on the ledge, which in places exceeds six feet in width. A northeast drift 40 feet long from the 70-foot level struck a second ledge 12 feet from their intersection. Several cross-cuts have determined this ore body to be from 8 to 10 feet wide. At the end of the drift a winze has been sunk 60 feet, giving a total depth of 180 feet. About half-way down this winze a drift in the ledge 27 to 28 feet to the west discloses the vein 5 to 10 feet wide, half of which is ore. No. 2 shaft has been sunk to a vertical depth of 130 feet. From the 100-foot level a drift extends north 30 feet, and at its face the ore body is 8 feet wide between well defined walls. From the bottom of the shaft a drift was run 12 feet. The face of the drift (4 feet) is in ore, but the width of the lead has not yet been determined. In this working the average values exceed $80 per ton in gold and copper.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 28.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Since morning the barometer has fallen considerably over this province in advance of an ocean low area now approaching Vancouver Island. This is likely to cause strong southerly winds along the Coast, extending to Oregon and rain over the Pacific Slope. From the Cascades to the Great Lakes the weather is fair and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	30	54
New Westminster	32	60
Kamloops	30	54
Barkerville	12	42
Calgary	20	32
Winnipeg	26	40
Portland, Ore.	40	52
San Francisco	46	62

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Increasing east and south winds; unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—East or south winds; unsettled and mild, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 28.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	40	Mean	46
Noon	49	Highest	54
5 p.m.	53	Lowest	39

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 4 miles east.
Noon 6 miles northeast.
5 p.m. 4 miles east.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—6 hours 54 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.038
Corrected 30.051

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 29.98

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GOSSIP OF ATLIN.

Newsy Letter From the Colonist's Correspondent in the Northern Mining Town.

Atlin, March 17.—The seventeenth of March, St. Patrick's day, was celebrated here by a concert and dance, held at Rice and Hastie's hall. The hall was very prettily decorated in honor of the event by the ladies of the town, among them being Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Brownlee. About twenty-five coupie enjoyed themselves until the early hours at dancing, while others found other amusement. Upwards of $125 was added to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Remarkably fine weather has been enjoyed during the past week and the snow is rapidly going.

Large quantities of freight are arriving daily, principally for the telegraph construction party, which is now at work.

Mr. McKee was up from the creek which bears his name yesterday, and reports that the drifting has gone to show that the benches as well as the creek bed are rich.

Several fire alarms caused people to turn out early. The cause in all cases was defective flues, but owing to the promptness of the brigade no serious damage was done.

Jack Letherdale recently returned from Vancouver and seems glad to be back.

Alex. Godfrey, of Thos. Dunn & Co., hardware merchants, is on his way in with a large stock.

Messrs. Richardson, Dockrill and Lewis are also reported to be on their way.

J. D. Graham, gold commissioner, arrived here to-night, after a long absence, and was gladly welcomed by the residents of Atlin.

FRENCH-CANADIAN LOYALTY.

The unfortunate, but unimportant, riotous outbreak between French and English elements in Montreal the other day has doubtless gratified the hearts of disloyalists and foreign enemies; but if these persons could read a speech from the Canadian Hansard, which is now before us, they would have to modify their transports. The speech was made a month ago, in the Ottawa House of Commons, by Sir Adolphe Caron, a representative French-Canadian. It was an impassioned defence of the loyalty of French-Canadians. Sir Adolphe maintained that so far from there attaching the slightest breath of suspicion to the loyalty of his branch of the Dominion's citizens, were the matter ever put to the test it would be the French-Canadians who would feel the most keenly any disaster to the Empire, and would set the example of nuswerving loyalty. We believe that Sir Adolphe Caron echoed the sentiments of the great majority of the Canadians of French race. The small minority counts for nothing; have we not a small minority of disloyalists in the Mother Country, who have not even the excuse of alien extraction?—Financial News.

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Mr. Macrum's Grievances.

Interesting Early Suggestion of Mediation Brought Out in Their Investigation.

Ex-Consul's Charge of Violation of Mail Based on Trifling Accident.

Washington, March 28.—Charles Macrum, the American ex-consul at Pretoria, appeared before the house foreign committee to-day to tell of the alleged indignities he suffered during his incumbency. There were many visitors in the committee room. In opening Macrum recalled the statement he had made some time ago to the Associated Press which he said had practically embodied all he had to say. He explained that when he asked for leave of absence, he had desired to come home for private business reasons, and also because he desired to place before the United States government certain facts which he deemed it essential should be known here.

Mr. Howard, Georgia, interposed to question the utility of the examination of Mr. Macrum. "It looks to me," he said, "like an effort to make a sensation out of nothing." The committee, however, decided to proceed.

Mr. Macrum read the committee a message from the cable company, saying a cipher cable sent by him to the secretary of state on November 14th had been held up by the military censor until December 25th.

"Did you report to the state department that your mail had been opened?" asked Mr. Berry, of Kentucky. "I did not, replied Mr. Macrum.

"Did you mention it on your arrival in Washington?' "I did not."

"Why?" "I would prefer not to answer that question." This reply raised a general laugh in the room.

Mr. Adams, of Pennsylvania, then proceeded to cross-question Mr. Macrum rather severely upon the duty of a consul to remain at his post during complications. Mr. Macrum proceeded to describe an alleged meeting between President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, and Consul Stowe, of Capetown, at which he was present, in which he said Steyn had been very anxious that Stowe should do something to settle the difficulty which was brewing. He said that President Steyn suggested an appeal to the President of the United States, and that Mr. Stowe had replied that he would be glad if some such thing could be done. "And I have reason to believe that the question was submitted to the President of the United States," added Mr. Macrum, "and that he returned an unfavorable reply."

"What makes you say that? inquired Mr. Hitt. "I was told so by Mr. Stowe."

"Was that statement in writing? "It was."

"Have you the letter? "No, it is in the files of the Pretoria consulate."

Mr. Macrum went over the exchange of telegrams with the state department relative to his leave but as these were in the cipher of the department the committee did not call for them. He stated that his reason for not making a report to the state department on the conditions in South Africa was that when he called on assistant secretary Hill, he said to Mr. Hill that he understood he had been relieved. Mr. Hill responded that this was true. Under such circumstances, Mr. Macrum said he had no report to make to the department. He endeavored, however, to see the Secretary of State but was told that Mr. Hay was out.

After hearing Mr. Macrum, the committee went into executive session. Chairman Hitt presented a letter from Secretary Hay giving in detail the department's view of the subject. The committee took no action as to making a report and it was stated by members that nothing would be done beyond taking the testimony.

Secretary Hay's letter giving the official view of the case addressed to Mr. Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, was as follows:

"Sir:—In response to your inquiries of this morning I have the honor to report that up to this date Mr. Macrum, late consul for the United States at Pretoria, has made no reports to this department in regard to the opening up of his mail by the British authorities.

"Although without any information except the allegations of Mr. Macrum, to which a reference was made in a resolution of the house of representatives, making certain enquiries of this department, I mentioned the matter to the British ambassador, and was informed in return that the British government was not aware of any such incidents having taken place, but if anything of the sort had occurred it was contrary to the instructions of that government.

"I received no further information in regard to the matter until the 21st of March, when this government was informed by a despatch from J. G. Stowe, Consul General of the United States at Capetown, that two letters from this consulate, one to Pretoria and one to Lorenzo Marques, were opened by the censor at Durban. On notice of this I called upon the High Commissioner, who wired Durban, and a very satisfactory apology was returned. This is all the information possessed by the department in regard to the incident.

"In reference to certain allegations as to our consuls in South Africa having been approached with suggestions of mediation, I have the honor to reply that in a despatch of the 3rd October, received at this department the 6th of November, and the only one on our file relating to this matter, Mr. Stowe reported as follows:

"Under the date of September 26th I received from the United States consular agent at Bloemfontein, O.F.S. a letter which read as follows: "I saw the President this afternoon by his request and he would like to have you find out at once if our (my) government will consent for you to act as arbitrator, and if you can also find out if the High Commissioner would also consent. The President appears to think that whatever is done should be done at once and wishes to know if he can give him some information.' "I replied by wire as follows: 'Will reply by wire to your letter of 26th this afternoon.'

"After giving the above request careful consideration I called upon the High Commissioner same date, and in the course of conversation said: 'When I dined with you the other day you stated your government would never consent to arbitration by any outside powers or representatives, and your published despatches so state. Are you of the same opinion?'

"He replied: 'What I might do I cannot do now, as my hands are tied.'

"Then I told him in substance what had been asked by the President of the Orange Free State, and the High Commissioner said: 'Please state the following as your reply,' which he dictated and which appears in the following copy of my telegraphic despatch to the United States consular agent at Bloemfontein: 'Cannot ask government myself. Saw party requested. Though personally favorable to further negotiations, thinks he cannot move on the line proposed.'

"Believing it a courtesy due to United States Consul Macrum at Pretoria, I sent the following despatch same date: 'Was asked by the Free State to ask if your government would consent for me to arbitrate and to see the High Commissioner and replied'—here follows the above despatch sent in code. I also deemed right to post Consul-General Macrum as above, not only for the reason that the Orange Free State is in his jurisdiction, but for the further reason that he had said in a communication to me of the same date: 'Nothing can be done here for peace unless matters settled your end. Over 1,000 men sent to border last night; if anything done must be quickly done. The High Commissioner should do something for peace.'

"It was a question in my mind if I ought to take any action at all on the request of the Orange Free State President. But the High Commissioner afterwards said to me that I had acted right and that he was grateful for my action.

Secretary Hay then proceeds:

"As you also inquired what there was on foot in regard to the departure of Macrum from his post at Pretoria, I have the honor to inform you that on the 7th of November Mr. Macrum telegraphed requesting, 'permission visit America absolutely imperative, private and official business. Attlebury, American, takes charge. Cable quickly.'

"To this I replied: 'Your presence Pretoria utmost importance to public interest.' He then (11th of November) cabled: 'No reply. Department will approve leave on explanation. Imperative. Cable immediately.'

"The next day he cabled again: 'Cable received. Everything quiet. Attlebury capable, experienced. My presence home absolutely necessary.' On the 18th he cabled once more: 'Three cables requesting leave unanswered. Substitute sufficient here but not at home. Please cable acquiescence. Ship sailing soon.' In reply to this on the 20th of November I answered: 'Your presence Pretoria important to public interests.' On the 1st December Mr. Macrum once more cabled me: 'No reply. Department will approve leave on explanation. Imperative. Cable immediately.' And again same day: 'Cannot leave without permission will forfeit position if department don't approve on explanation. Please reply.'

"Upon this, inferring from these despatches that Mr. Macrum was in a state of mind which would make his services in Pretoria useless, I answered on the 2nd of December: 'You may come home. Put Attlebury temporarily in charge. Department will send a man from here.'

"Soon after this I received several newspaper articles and letters from responsible persons asserting that Attlebury, whom Macrum wished to place temporarily in charge of the consulate, was a person of disreputable character and a fugitive from justice. I therefore directed Mr. Hollis, consul at Lorenzo Marques, to proceed to Pretoria and take temporary charge of the consulate until the arrival of Mr. A. S. Hay, who would be appointed consul."

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The year 1900 is, however, to witness a new and important departure in the passenger train service in the Northwest, and this is all the more noteworthy, as it has only been forty-three years since Selah Chamberlain, of Cleveland, O., commenced the construction of the first railroad grade in the State of Minnesota. It is also well to bear in mind that the United States, where the cost of railroad travel is less than in any other country, the finest passenger accommodations to be found in the world are provided to-day. The man of means and leisure may, at inconceivably short notice, transfer himself and his family and servants to a flat, a private residence, or a mansion—whatever you will—on trucks, just as he moves from a city flat or residence to a lake cottage in summer, and back again in the fall, and then go scouring over the country at forty, fifty or sixty miles an hour, if he wants to. He can stop when and where he pleases, and have with him continually his kitchen, dining room, bedroom, library and sitting room—in a word, his home; and what the man of wealth may thus do on a large scale if he desires, the person of moderate means practically enjoys whenever he wants to travel, in connection with others, for a moderate and reasonable price. It is fairly well understood now by the travelling public at large that the best passenger train accommodation in the Northwest is equal, if not generally superior, to the most luxurious trains to be found on the Eastern lines.

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A new schedule is to go into effect on this line April 29 next, and this schedule will make a distinct advance in Northwestern railroading. Waiting until the fullness of time had come, until the field was ripe for the sickle, it has had constructed for it a transcontinental train, or rather ten trains, to speak more accurately, that take advantage of all modern improvements, both in ideas and construction, of railway car builders. In addition to the regular trains now running, and which will be continued on practically the present time card, a new train, which will be known as the "North Coast Limited," will be put into service on the date mentioned.

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Each North Coast Limited train will have eight cars, i. e., express, baggage, second-class coach and combination smoker, first-class coach, tourist sleeping car, dining car, Pullman standard sleeping car and an observation car, each of which will be lighted by electricity. The whole train will also be equipped with wide vestibules, steel platforms, M. C. B. standard couplers, Westinghouse air brakes, Westinghouse air train signals, the Gold system heat, and paper wheels with steel tires. The new baggage and express cars will be seventy feet in length, and the baggage car will contain at the front end the electric plant. This consists of an eight and a half by eight-inch cylindered steam engine, a twenty-five Kilowatt Westinghouse dynamo with complete switch-board apparatus. This plant will generate an electric current of 300 amperes at a pressure of 125 volts. The smoking, or second-class coaches, are divided by a partition, one-half being for the use of second-class passengers and the remainder used for a smoking car. The first-class day coach, sixty feet in length, follows the smoking car. These coaches are of recent manufacture and along the most modern lines, well ventilated, roomy, finished in mahogany, with separate and comfortable toilet rooms for men and women. A sixteen section tourist sleeping car, finished in mahogany, upholstered in dark green leather, with isles carpeted, follows immediately after the first-class coach, and will prove a source of surprise and delight to those who cannot afford the luxuries of a first-class Pullman sleeping car. Immediately back of the tourist sleeping car will be a standard Northern Pacific dining car with appointments complete in every detail. Next in order comes the Pullman first-class sleeping car, which will be as finely finished and as handsomely decorated as any sleeping cars in the country. Two electric berth lights in each section will enable the passenger who desires to while away an hour with his book, to do so at his ease and comfort. At the rear end of each train will be found the crowning feature, i. e., an observation car, seventy feet in length. These cars will be entirely new and finished in mahogany, with Persian brass trimmings throughout; the exterior finish will be of standard Pullman color. It is claimed for these cars that they will combine all of the comforts of the library car, so called; all the good points of the old-style observation car, and new features never introduced in car building heretofore. At the forward entrance of this car, along the side of which runs a corridor forty-two feet in length, will be found two smoking and card rooms, seven by eight feet, with folding tables, and six unholstered wicker chairs. These smoking rooms will be entirely shut off from the remainder of the car, and with excellent ventilation, will prove a new and striking feature that will appeal to the lovers of the weed. Adjacent to the smoking room will be found the gentlemen's toilet room. In the centre of the car will be the barber shop, bath room and buffet. At the end of the corridor and at the entrance to the ladies' parlor will be found a reading room, writing desk, and library of 125 carefully selected volumes of the most recent literature. On the reading table will be such standard monthly magazines as Harper's, Scribner's, Century, McClure's, and such illustrated weeklies as Frank Leslies', Harper's, Puck, Life and Judge. The ladies' parlor will be nine feet in width by twenty-three feet in length. This parlor, or observation room, will contain fourteen portable wicker chairs, unholstered in plush of a color that will harmonize with the dark green wilton carpet on the floor. The plate glass windows will be large—four feet wide—thus giving the traveller every opportunity to see, at his leisure, the country through which he is passing. Electric fans for ventilating purposes will keep the air of this car sweet and pure. The rear platform, surrounded by a handsome brass railing, will be six and a half feet long, partially enclosed by the extended sides of the car, and entirely covered by a dome.

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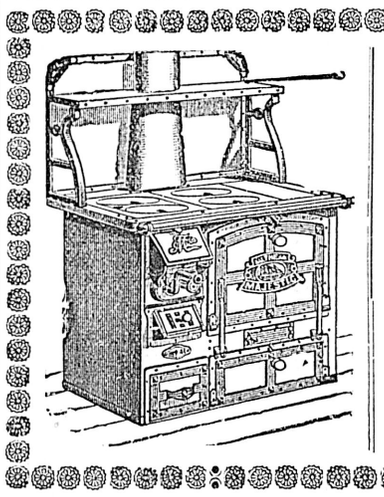
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